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Honoring Veteran Firefighters...



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTERS with a minimum of 20 years of service were recently honored at a local awards ceremony. Mayor Christopher Johnson and Town Council President Donald Rheault were on hand to present the awards. From left to right: Council President Rheault, Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano, firefighters Randy Cushing, Raymond Pond, Kenneth Avondo, Ronald Giordano, Michael Mercadante, Gary Schneider, and Mayor Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COUNCIL PRESIDENT DONALD RHEAULT (far left) and MAYOR CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (far right) with Fire Chief David Pisano, Chet Nicora, and John Johnson. (See related article on Page 2.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Miss Agawam"!!!



ERIN LIGHTCAP OF FEEDING HILLS was crowned 1999's 'Miss Agawam' at the annual "Miss Agawam Pageant" that was held at The Oaks in Agawam last Wednesday evening, June 23rd. In addition, Erin was the pageant's top point-getter, thereby earning the title of "Miss Supreme Queen" for the year. This fall, she will begin her senior year at Agawam High School.

Town's "Summer Entertainment Series" To Start Next Week

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For the months of July and August, Wednesday evenings will bring a mix of polka, easy listening, MoTown sound, some great banjo picking, a little folk, a little funk, a little brass, and some good old time rock and roll to Veterans' Green at Phelps School as the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club bring the Summer Entertainment Series back with a big assist from the local business community.

This year, a new twist will be added to the

lineup in the form of a mini Steven Spielberg film festival on three consecutive Saturdays beginning on July 24th.

All shows are free and will begin at 7:00 p.m. In the event of rain, the music performances will move inside to the Phelps School auditorium with seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

Agawam Cultural Council member Mike Granfield said the 11 concerts and three movies are expected to draw a combined attendance of over

15,000 patrons looking for family entertainment. Granfield said the series has been made possible through the use of state grant funding and matching funds from the community.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson credits Granfield for his work in helping the series grow from the four shows offered when the Summer Concert Series was launched a few years ago into 11 events spanning two months.

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Johnson said the dramatic increase in corporate sponsorship and in the number of businesses advertising in the concert brochure allowed the cultural council to attract some outstanding talent to Agawam at no charge to concert patrons.

"We've had overwhelming support from local businesses," Grandfield said at last week's Town Council meeting. "We have 70 local businesses who sponsored the printing of our brochure in addition to 10 corporate sponsors."

Sponsors for the summer series include E.B's Specialty Chicken Restaurant, The Agawam Chamber of Commerce, The Agawam Lions Club, The Agawam Rotary Club, Berkshire Power, Canary Blomstrom Insurance, Riverside-The Thrill Park, Westbank, Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield Bank, and United Industrial Service.

Grandfield said last year's summer series was the best to date, but this year will be even better. Parking for the events will be available at Westfield Bank, The Captain Leonard House, and at Phelps School; warm clothes and bug spray is recommended for the movie nights.

For more information on upcoming events sponsored by the Cultural Council, as well as links to the performers and concert weather forecasts, the on-line address is <http://www.agawamcc.org> or contact the council at 789-7393.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1999 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of LORI DONUTS, INC. C/O JOHN SALEMA who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Drive-thru" Restaurant at the premises identified as: 160 SILVER STREET.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Acting Chairperson

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The concert schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, July 7th: *Richie Mitnick & Troupe* - Local favorites playing show tunes and standards.

Wednesday, July 14th: *Billy Belina & Bay State* - One of the area's best polka bands.

Wednesday, July 21st: *Westfield American Legion Band* - Featuring traditional concert band literature.

Saturday, July 24th: *Riverside's Family Fun Night Movie* - Enjoy a singing stage show from Riverside, Henry the Juggler, and "E.T." the Extra-Terrestrial on a 15-foot screen. Rated PG.

Wednesday, July 28th: *Souled Out* - This nine-piece band provides singing and dancing review of the greatest hits of Motown.

Saturday, July 31st: *Band and Movie Night* - Featuring hard-rockers, *The Stone Coyotes*, followed by the movie *Twister*. Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, August 4th: *Salamander Crossing* - Bluegrass meets folk.

Saturday, August 7th: *Band and Movie Night* - *Sean Altman Band*, followed by *Jurassic Park*. Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, August 11th: *Viva Quetzal* - Eight-piece Latin-influenced band playing jazz, funk, folk, and pop.

Wednesday, August 18th: *Dogwood Moon* - Los Angeles-based folk duo.

Wednesday, August 25th: *Brass Attack* - Local horn-influenced band playing current hits.

Agawam Firefighters Honored At Service Awards Ceremony

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Agawam Fire Department held the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Awards ceremony on June 17th to honor those Fire Department members who have a minimum of 20 years of firefighting service to the Commonwealth.

On hand to present the awards were Mayor Christopher Johnson and Council President Donald Rheault. The State issued a certificate and a lapel pin indicating the years of service.

All firefighters across the state, whether career, call, or volunteer, were honored for their years of dedicated service.

The Agawam Fire Department members who were honored were:

Lt. Louis Calabrese (retired), 40 years of service; Firefighter Raymond Pond, 31 years of service; Firefighter Ronald Giordano, 30 years of service; Firefighter Robert Briggs, 32 years of service; Firefighter Kenneth Blair, 31 years of service; Lt. Gary Schneider, 31 years of service; Firefighter (mechanic) William Pelley, 27 years of service; Firefighter Donald Savaria, 25 years of service.

Lt. Lawrence Grady, 25 years of service; Lt. Kenneth Avondo, 24 years of service; Firefighter Joseph Cimaroli, 24 years of service; Firefighter Donald Wells, 24 years of service; Lt. Allen Boissoneault, 24 years of service; Lt. Eugene Mutti, 24 years of service; Firefighter Richard Weld, 22 years of service; Firefighter Randall Cushing, 22 years of service; Fire Chief David Pisano, 22 years of service.

Lt. Gary Brown, 22 years of service; Lt. Nicholas Demko, 22 years of service; Firefighter Joseph Giordano, 22 years of service; Firefighter Douglas Cesan, 22 years of service; Fire Inspector Michael Mercadante, 20 years of service.

Two members of the Agawam Call Department were honored as well: Senior Call Lt. Chester Nicora, 40 years of service; Call Lt. John Johnson, 20 years of service.

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Letters To The Editor

In Praise Of The Academy Of Artistic Performance

To The Editor:

"THE TIME OF MY LIFE"...what a memorable event. Yes! Once again, the Academy of Artistic Performance displayed the greatest artistic performance in this, their 24th Annual Review entitled, "CRUISIN' INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM" on June 11th and 12th at Suffield High School Auditorium.

Against a scenic tropical backdrop, the tiniest performer to that of the older dancers graced the stage with acro, tap, jazz, ballet, and pointe ... always with such enthusiasm and a great smile.

The performance moved right along with part one, "Love Boat," and the second half, "Showboat Vegas Style." Each year, they outdo the expectation of the full-house audiences. Next year will be their 25th performance ... a silver millennium year.

The culmination of 15 years of dance resulted in the awarding of diplomas to Danielle Dunham, Kelly Pirog, and Nicole Yvon, who are graduating and going off to colleges of their choice.

An important part of the success of this recital is largely due to the dedication and commitment of the team members of the Academy ... Nancy Locke and Debbie McManus, Artistic Directors; Preschool Director Patti Beaudette; studio assistants, helpers, staff, video producer, seamstresses, and props. The Academy Inspiration Tribute was dedicated to Kay DeCosmo, a long-time receptionist who passed away since the last recital.

For any student of the dance who has dreamed of achieving great goals, they have only to come to the Academy to realize their dream. To watch these performers, one really knew they had the "time of their lives" ... and so did we, the audience.

Lillian S. Peloquin
Springfield

Pack 77 Says Thanks For Supporting Bottle Drive

To The Editor:

St. John's Cub Scout Pack 77 would like to say THANKS for our successful June 12th bottle drive. Our truck was filled with bags and bags of bottles and cans, thanks to people stopping by on Saturday; residents who called for pick-ups; and from neighbors donating their redeemables to the Cub Scouts on their streets. Thanks to everyone who donated their bottles and cans.

As with any fundraiser, it takes the work and efforts of everyone to make a successful bottle drive. Thanks go not only to the boys and the parents who collected bottles and cans, but also to the Scouts and adults who were able to help with the huge task of sorting and bagging.

Special thanks to Asst. Leader Bill Anderson for the use of the truck to deliver our collection to Feeding Hills Redemption, and to Troop 77 Boy Scouts Ricky Walker and David Kreps for helping on Saturday.

Pack 77 is active year-round, and the monies earned keep the pack going. Besides the awards that the boys receive (belt loops, beads, pins, and patches), funds are also used for graduation (neckerchiefs), the Blue and Gold banquet, campsite fees, Scout activity registrations (Tiger Quest, Yukon Derby, Webelo Woods), Pinewood Derby (refurbishing the track, the car kits, and trophies), and the summer picnic, to name a few.

Our spring and fall bottle drives are the base of our fundraising, which allows the Pack to be able to provide recognition and activities to our Cub Scouts.

Again, Pack 77 says THANK-YOU for your support!

Cathy Blood
Agawam

Coaching Youth Sports Is A Privilege To Be Taken Seriously

To The Editor:

To All Commissioners, Directors, & Organizers of Agawam Youth Sports:

First of all, let me say thank you to everyone involved in any capacity with our town's youth sports. Without you, our kids would not have the opportunity to participate in these activities.

Coaching takes a tremendous amount of time, patience, and effort. I know, because my husband has coached baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball. For the most part, these coaches are fine examples for our kids. But, what do we do when we come across a coach who simply shouldn't be in that position?

Unfortunately, too many of us have had to deal with this sticky situation. Understandably, the commissioners cannot be present at every game to witness the often unacceptable behavior of some coaches - whether it be screaming at the kids, arguing with the official, or favoritism (some kids playing the entire game while others sit out more than half).

I feel there's a simple solution. At the end of the season, every coach should be required to distribute a quick questionnaire to every player/parent. Examples of the questions would be:

1. Did your child have fun at games and practices?
2. Did your child learn more about the sport?
3. Was your child treated fairly?
4. Was the coach always positive with the kids?
5. Did the coach always set a good example?

These forms would then be mailed directly to the commissioner for evaluation. In this way, the children and parents could honestly express their opinions and changes/corrections could be made by the commissioner.

Coaching is a privilege and the poor coaches need to be replaced.

Laurie Lyman
Feeding Hills

Senator Melconian Addresses The Issue Of Genetic Privacy

To The Editor:

I am writing today in support of one of the most important issues in front of the legislature this term - protecting an individual's genetic privacy. There is nothing more intimate, personal, and private about each of us than our genetic makeup.

The science of genetics has made enormous strides in the last decade. Scientists can now isolate the genes that sometimes lead to diseases, like breast and prostate cancer. In the very near future, knowledge may expand to the point where an individual's potential lifetime health or illness can be plotted. Armed with this knowledge, we can all better prepare ourselves to fight these diseases by taking preventative steps such as requesting additional cancer screenings.

Unfortunately, we are not the only ones with an interest in our personal genetic test results. Under current Massachusetts law, it is perfectly legal for your employer to fire you if you or one of your family members has the potential to develop an expensive disease that will raise the company's health insurance rates.

It is also legal for a life or health insurer to charge you higher rates or deny you necessary coverage even if you may never suffer from the disease. The potential for terrible abuses will only grow as we learn more about genetics. That is why I have filed one of the nation's most comprehensive anti-discrimination and privacy protections to guard the results of all genetic tests.

This legislation will create a right of privacy for every individual. Only you will be able to say who can see this very personal information. The only exceptions will be for research where the subjects are anonymous and for law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. The law will also make it illegal to discriminate in employment, housing, and the issuance of life and health insurance.

When I filed this legislation three years ago, Massachusetts was on the cutting edge. Now more than 30 states have laws protecting the

genetic test results of their citizens and Massachusetts has fallen behind. I hope you will join with me in urging legislators in both the House and the Senate to pass this vital piece of legislation and prevent the intimate details of our own bodies from becoming public knowledge.

Sincerely,
Linda J. Melconian
Senate Majority Leader

Why Do We Have To "Plead" With The Board Of Health?

To The Editor:

Why should Agawam's citizens give testimony at public hearings if town officials merely pretend to listen? When I attended the Board of Health's public hearing regarding the proposed restaurant smoking ban, I was encouraged by the high percentage of people favoring the proposal.

A prudent person would have to conclude that the Board would follow residents' wishes and approve the ban, especially in light of the proven health risks of second-hand smoke. My wife is right - I am naive.

The *Union-News* reported recently that two members of Agawam's three-member Board of Health "seem to have dug in their heels on this issue, despite strong support from residents for the ban." Board member Paul Rannenberg said of the public's testimony at the hearing, "I don't think that anyone said anything worthwhile."

What a slap in the face to the many people who prepared diligently and did, in fact, give "worthwhile" testimony. Person after person spoke eloquently and convincingly, often mentioning family members who were in poor health as a result of active or passive smoking, and citing medical literature regarding the harmfulness of second-hand smoke.

Dr. Michael Jawitz, the other dissenting Board member, stated that he is troubled by the prospect of dictating lifestyles in a democracy. Championing individual liberties is commendable, but he has lost sight of the fact that he is a member of the Board of Health, not the American Civil Liberties Union.

I'm at a loss to understand the two Board members' intransigence regarding the smoking ban issue. Do we have to ask the Police Department to fight crime? Of course not, because the police know unequivocally that their charge is to guard the public's safety. Why, then, do we have to plead with the Board of "Health" to protect the health of Agawam's citizens by banning smoking in restaurants?

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

The People Of Agawam Have Spoken On The Smoking Issue

To The Editor:

To The Board Of Health:

After reading a recent article in *The Union News* recently, I couldn't believe my eyes!

Mr. Rannenberg stated he wasn't impressed one way or the other during the public hearing on the proposed smoking ban.

WOW! How could he not be? Ninety-five percent of those in attendance were in favor of the ban and everything that was said was factual, relevant, important, and worth listening to. Last time I went out to eat, I remember trying to pick which restaurant the best food and ambiance, not which one had the most carbon and stench permeating about. That's always a tough one for me.

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This has nothing to do with anyone's right to smoke and **everything** to do with where one chooses to do it! Dr. Jawitz is a little apprehensive about telling people what they can and cannot do in a democracy. Maybe I can enlighten him a tad. We live in a country where laws are passed every day to **protect** us. Not to dictate, but to **protect**!!!

How many lives have been saved because of the helmet and seatbelt laws? Granted, neither one of them is comfortable to wear and some might go as far as to say that they don't like the way they look, but who cares?

They serve a purpose. So would a smoking ban. Democracy, sure! Gentlemen, I ask you this. If your neighbor was beating his wife in front of your house, would you stand back and watch? All the while, thinking, "It's his right to abuse his wife"?

If you witnessed a parent beating their child with a rubber hose (which I have), would you again turn your head and think, "It's their right"? Come on now, let's get real here. Democracy is one thing, ludicrously is another.

We are all entitled to certain rights. Common sense should count for something. What about common courtesy, while we're at it? So, please, gentlemen, read all those letters, carefully. Listen to the tapes from the hearing, carefully.

The people have spoken and they've done it well. Cigarettes stink and restaurants shouldn't!

The question is quite simple. Does smoking belong in restaurants? The answer is just as simple. NO!!!

I respect the office that you represent. Your job is not an easy one, but no one said it would be. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Debra S. Curtis
Agawam

Are We Facing The Possibility Of A Drinking Water Ration?

To The Editor:

Do we face serious drinking water rationing? I'm worried and the people of Agawam should be worried, too.

What will happen to our water supply when Berkshire Power goes on line and uses MORE than a million gallons of our drinking water EVERY DAY from our finite water supply?

The residents of Agawam need answers NOW!

David Skolnick
Past Member, Agawam City Council

Please remember to patronize your local businesses...

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 99-51

June 13, 1999

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

Petition of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, section 3, for exemption in particular respects from the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Agawam.

The Petitioner, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company ("Tennessee"), requests approval from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for an exemption from the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, in order to upgrade its compressor station and other natural gas pipeline facilities on its property at its existing district office and compressor station on Suffield Street, (State Road, No. 75), Agawam, Massachusetts. Tennessee proposes to install an additional compressor and to put a ten foot addition on the west side of the existing control building "D" on the property.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on this petition at the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 68 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS AT 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1999 to receive public comment and allow Tennessee to respond to questions about Tennessee's proposed addition.

Copies of the petition are on file at the Department's office located at 12th floor, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Copies are also on file for public view at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments may do so by filing an original and three (3) copies of such comments with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, no later than the close of business July 21, 1999.

Any person who desires to participate in any subsequent proceeding concerning this investigation must file an original and three (3) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) July 28, 1999 with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at the address

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noted above.*

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. section 1.03. Receipt by the Department — not postmarked or mailing — constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. section 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 200 C.M.R. section 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A section 10.

The Petitioner, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, is ordered to give notice of said hearing by publication twice thereof — once at least fourteen (14) days, and once at least seven (7) days — prior to the date of such hearing in the SPRINGFIELD UNION NEWS (Springfield), the BOSTON GLOBE and the WORCESTER GAZETTE and to post such notice in a conspicuous place in the Agawam Municipal Building for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before, and continuing through, the date of such hearing. In addition, the Petitioner is ordered to serve a copy of this notice by certified mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such hearing on: the Mayor, the President of the Agawam Council Council, the Clerk of the Agawam City Council, the Chairpersons of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals; the Clerk of Agawam; all persons owning real estate abutting the proposed site, all persons owning land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the proposed site as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company is further ordered to deposit copies of its petition and supporting documents, and response to any Department information requests, for public inspection at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001, no later than seven (7) days before, and continuing through, the date of the hearing, and to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department,
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

* Please note that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's offices will be relocating to 1 South Station, Boston, MA at the beginning of July. Please telephone the Department to determine our specific location, before mailing correspondence or visiting the Department.

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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The next meeting of the Zoning Advisory Task Force will be held on July 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station.

Councilor **Gina Letellier**, Task Force Chairwoman, said the group will be discussing the chart that has been prepared indicating when a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals is required, as well as some areas not already covered by the town's zoning ordinances (for example, home occupations).

AGAWAM HAS AN ITALIAN SISTER CITY

It's official. Agawam has an Italian sister city: Reggio Calabria.

Last month, Mayor **Christopher C. Johnson** accepted the sister city proposal in a formal letter to the mayor of Reggio Calabria. "The Town of Agawam and its residents are very proud to enter into a sister city relationship with the City of Reggio, Calabria. We are eager to begin an exchange of cultural, educational and business ideas to benefit our communities," Johnson wrote.

Chairman of the Italian Sister City Commission, former Town Councilor **Joseph Langone**, anticipates that the town will not hear back from the mayor of Reggio until the end of the summer.

"As soon as I have a response, I will schedule a meeting," Langone notified his fellow commissioners. "At that juncture, it will be time for City Council approval, exchange visits, etc."

FUNDING PROBLEMS FOR RIVER WALK

Funding for the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway Project appears to be in serious jeopardy, according to a letter sent to neighbors of the planned multi-use trail by Planning Director **Deborah S. Dachos**.

Included in the mailing was a letter from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to Senator Majority Leader **Linda Melconian** explaining the extent of the problems with the ISTEIA Enhancement funds, which were to be used in constructing the River Walk. Furthermore, it included sample letters for residents who support the project to send to Senator Melconian and State Representative **Daniel Keenan** urging them to vote in support of a proposal earmarking \$4 million for the transportation projects in the governor's proposed budget or in support of the new Transportation Bond Bill pending at the State Legislature.

In her letter to town residents, Ms. Dachos said, "It is now critical that residents who support the River Walk inform both Senator Melconian and Representative Keenan of their support. It is important the Senator and Representative receive your letters immediately, since the legislature is presently acting on the budget."

For more information, contact Ms. Dachos at 786-0400, extension 283.

From the Monday, June 21st Town Council meeting...

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

The council was unanimous in approving resolutions creating a no-parking zone on Franklin Street and a resolution calling for state Chapter 90 funding for local road projects.

Sponsored by the Mayor, the no-parking zone on Franklin Street was proposed by the Planning Board and the Department of Public Works, with the cooperation of **Thomas Cortese** of T & R Foods, to solve the problems with egress and access to the company's property located on the corner of Franklin and Springfield Streets.

According to supporting documentation from DPW Superintendent **John P. Stone**, Cortese will widen Franklin Street significantly, thereby increasing the curb radii at Springfield Street to accommodate commercial vehicles and shifting the roadway toward and onto his property. The treebelt on the opposite side of Franklin Street will be widened to offer greater protection and isolation to pedestrians and abutters from the traffic. The design of T & R's driveway will restrict traffic from entering from or exiting onto Franklin Street to the east of the driveway.

The no-parking zones are important for the plan to function properly, according to Stone.

The second resolution getting a unanimous vote from the councilors was sponsored by Councilor **Nancy Thompson** asking the state legislature to enact early in 1999 a Transportation Bond Bill that includes not less than the \$300 million for a two-year Chapter 90 authorization to support local road and bridge projects, and requiring the state highway department to distribute an "availability of funds" letter for the next fiscal year totaling at least \$150 million no later than July 1, 1999.

According to Ms. Thompson's resolution, Agawam has the responsibility of maintaining more than 131 miles of roadways and a large and growing inventory of sidewalks and intersections, and the town depends on receiving an adequate amount of Chapter 90 funds to meet the needs of the community. The resolution further states that the minimum amount needed by Agawam's DPW

from the state gas tax is \$519,250 annually.

SEWER EASEMENT

A third resolution, sponsored by the Mayor for the adoption of an order of public notice for the pending assessment of the cost of sanitary sewers to provide service to the Logan Woods subdivision proposed for a site on Garden Street, was tabled with nine councilors voting in favor of delaying action until the council receives more information in regard to the taking of an easement from the West Springfield Fish and Game Club by eminent domain. Councilor **Gina Letellier** abstained from the vote.

Several members of the club spoke in opposition to the sewer easement, citing their opposition to disturbing one of the last pieces of wildlife habitat to remain untouched by development, as well as the encroachment of their rights as property owners to enjoy their property as they see fit without government intrusion.

An attorney for the club argued that the developer was trying to get the government to do what he has been unsuccessful in doing in his negotiations for gaining the club's approval of the sewer easement through an environmentally sensitive resource area.

Three-hundred families enjoy the recreational facility that will be bisected by the sewer connection, according to opponents of the proposed sewer easement.

PAY INCREASES APPROVED

Two ordinances aimed at raising the pay for the positions of mayor and town councilor won approval, with Councilor **George Bitzas** casting the sole dissenting vote.

The pay increases will become effective in January 2000 and will affect the officeholders who are elected in the November election.

At a previous Town Council meeting, Salary Review Chairwoman/Councilor **Jill Simpson** said the committee arrived at its unanimous recommendations to adopt the pay hikes after reviewing information provided by the Massachusetts Municipal Association relating to municipal salaries across the state as well as the methodology other communities use to determine the level of compensation for elected officials.

In the wake of the 9-1 vote, the Town Council salary will jump from \$3,500 to \$6,000 and give the council president an additional \$1,000 for serving as the presiding officer. The mayor's salary will rise to \$65,000, an increase of \$5,000.

\$10,000 TRANSFER

The council was unanimous in approving the transfer of \$10,000 from the Municipal Golf Course undistributed fund to the Food Service Account supplies account to pay for unanticipated supplies.

According to course manager **Ron Dunn**, the favorable weather conditions resulted in a long

golf season and increased play, resulting in more food and beverages being sold than he had anticipated.

VIDEO GAME LICENSE FOR TWIN SILOS MALL

Unanimous approval was given to the video game license application submitted by Twin Silos Mall after the request was amended to indicate that one game had been voluntarily deleted from the application by the owner.

Councilor **Jill Simpson** said she had checked with Twin Silos on their request for a Terminator II game that contains graphic violence and was told the company had removed the game and replaced it with a pinball machine.

"I checked with Twin Silos on games with graphic violence," Mrs. Simpson said. "I wouldn't want Riverside Park to think I was solely targeting them."

At the previous council meeting, Mrs. Simpson reported that Riverside had voluntarily agreed to remove video games with graphic violence from the park.

From the Tuesday, June 22nd School Committee meeting...

UNANIMOUS VOTES

In a series of unanimous votes, the School Committee approved an increase of tuition for the Early Childhood program; accepted changes to the High School student guide; awarded bids for bread and rolls, cafeteria supplies, ice cream, general and art supplies, and exterminating services; approved K-4 social studies textbooks; established a standing sub-committee to examine elementary school redistricting; and elected **Louis Massoia, Jr.**, as their delegate to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. **Rosemary Sandlin** was unanimously elected as the alternate delegate.

In operation for the last six years, the Early Childhood Center has maintained the same monthly tuition, but increases in the cost of operation, including salaries, materials, and supplies, resulted in an increase in the tuition for peer partners to \$90, \$45, and \$22.50 for the various programs offered to preschoolers beginning in September.

Among the changes okayed for the High School student guide: a new culinary arts extracurricular club open to all students; clarification on the section denoting that all students must accumulate 110 credits to graduate and on the section relating to summer school requirements; an update on the state mandate that beginning with the class of 2003, all students must pass the MCAS test as a graduation requirement; and a requirement that only juniors and seniors who are passing all of their courses may park a car on school grounds.

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New additions to the student guide include a section mandated by state law regarding hate crimes and a section detailing acceptable and prohibited uses of the schools' computer network. There will be a sign-off sheet for both students and parents or guardians to indicate they have read and understood the rules governing computer and Internet use at school.

Also new next year, tardy students who fail to sign into school will receive one day of internal suspension, and students who are tardy for the sixth time (and each subsequent tardy) will receive one day of internal suspension. Students who are continually tardy will be suspended externally, and students who are a half-hour or more tardy to school must present a note from a parent or guardian with a phone number where the parent or guardian can be reached. However, a phone call from a parent or guardian to a school administrator is also acceptable in explaining why the student is late for school.

To be eligible for admission to the school's chapter of the National Honor Society, students must carry a minimum of 27½ credits, an increase of one-half a credit.

Students will also be required to sign a state-

ment affirming that they have read and understood the student guide and have been encouraged to share its contents with their parents.

TABLED POLICY CHANGES

The committee tabled three policy changes relating to naming school facilities, school-sponsored field trips, and relations with booster clubs.

RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

The committee honored eight retiring faculty members for their years of service in the town's public schools with citations, and the retirees were also honored with citations from the Massachusetts State Senate.

Three of the retirees were present at the meeting to receive their citations.

Joanne Bertrand served the schools as a Special Education teacher and an adjustment counselor for 17 years; Shirley Lertora taught elementary schoolchildren for 33 years at Clark School and at Granger School; Lawrence Harbeson logged in 31 years working with elementary schoolers at Granger School; and Joann Menino served at the Middle School for six years.

Retiring from the High School were Robert Lester, 26 years; Jacqueline Pressy, 12 years; Elizabeth Prew, 17 years; and Charlotte Shimel, 27 years.

Senator Melconian Welcomes Back Intern To District Office

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to welcome back Julie E. Young as a summer intern in her district office.

A May 1999 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Julie began her internship experience at Senator Melconian's district office in January through the college's January internship program. She continued the internship through the spring semester and has returned for the summer months.

Senator Melconian, also a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, is a strong supporter of her alma mater's internship program. Over the years, she has sponsored a number of bright and talented Mount Holyoke women as interns in her Boston and district offices.

"The internship that my district office provides is a great way for young people to experience the inner workings of a political constituent-oriented office and the legislative process. I am delighted to have Julie back for the summer. She is an intelligent and ambitious young woman with a terrific Mount Holyoke educational background. Her summer internship will build upon the fine education that she has received," stated Senator Melconian.

A veteran intern, Julie's responsibilities will increase this summer and include representing Linda at various local events when she is in Boston, overseeing and providing background information for Linda's schedule, constituent case-work, responding to constituent calls and letters, as well as helping to make the office an effective and efficient resource for area students.

"Having a degree in politics and history, I have found my internship at the Senator's office to be very educational and greatly rewarding. I am looking forward to my new responsibilities with renewed interest and excitement," stated Julie.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL F. KEENAN (far left) with veterans' agents Ruth Bitzas and Peter Pappas at the State House in Boston. Bitzas (the veterans' agent for Agawam, Granville, Southwick, and Tolland) and Pappas (the veterans' agent for Palmer) both live in Agawam. Each year, veterans' agents from across the state come to the State House to lobby on behalf of veterans and veterans' issues.

Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street
Tuesday, July 6, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes — Regular Council Meeting of 6/21/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-99-20- A Resolution Adopting an Order of Public Notice for the Pending Assessment of the Cost of the Sanitary Sewer to Provide Service to the Logan Woods Subdivision for the Benefit of the Property Owner(s) Within the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Area of this Sanitary Sewer Project (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees
 - None.
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - None.
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-99-4-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 173, Art. XI Entitled "Backflow and Cross-Connection Regulations" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (DPW).
 2. TO-99-28-Dealers in Violation of Class I & II Licenses (Coun. Negrucci).
 3. TO-99-34-Transfer-\$25,000 from Wastewater Treatment Carry Over (22549-56600) to Logan Sewer Connection (Mayor).
 4. TO-99-35-Voucher List (\$74.75).

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Doreen Prouty,
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Because it will be closed on Monday, July 5th, The AAN will be open until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 2nd, in order to receive articles, press releases, etc., prior to the holiday weekend.

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From The State House: The Latest On Veterans' Bills

The Joint House and Senate Committee on Human Services gave us pretty much all we requested. The following bills were reported out FAVORABLY:

House 1748: Amending the c.4 s.7 cl. 43rd definition of veteran for c.115 purposes to include those who've had one year continuous service.

Senate 615: Amending the c.115 definition of veteran to include those who've had one year continuous service.

Senate 630: Amending the c.4 s.7 cl. 43rd definition of veteran to include Merchant Marine.

Senate 616: Amending c.115 s.6B to include "Gold Star" wives in the annuity.

Senate 636: Authorizing \$100,000 for POW-MIA eternal flame in Boston.

House 979: Amending c.115 s.5 to provide for an increase of five percent in addition to the basic budget amount for veterans' services.

House 980: Providing a bonus for those Bosnia veterans.

House 2711: Making substantive/technical changes to c.115 s.2 to streamline hearings and give the Commissioner additional authority to enforce compliance.

House 2358: Providing for an investigation and study of the "Gulf War syndrome."

House 451: Requiring a review by DVS of adequacy of programs provided to veterans.

House 981: Development of an office to prevent sexual harassment against members of the armed forces.

Senate 589: Relating to patient funds at Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

Senate 598: Authorizing military honor guards for Mass. veterans.

The following bill has been sent to study (read "killed):

House 1557: Would have eliminated the requirement for a full-time veterans' agent in cities and towns with populations over 12,000.

For the past six years or more, I have personally fought against passage of House 1557. If passed, this bill would devastate Veterans' Services under Chapter 115 as we know it.

I have attended legislative hearings and have spoken against this bill for all Massachusetts veterans. If passed, it would have allowed every City and Town in Massachusetts to name a part-time Veterans' Agent. I call these "Part-time, Can't Find Agents."

My assistant and I have done several studies and a color-coded map outlining for the committee the negative impact of such legislation on the veterans of the Commonwealth. I cite the Western Hampden District as an example and cost-saving mechanism for several contiguous towns to form a district and furnish full-time availability of a Veterans' Agent for our veterans.

I'm really pleased to see this negative bill "killed" in committee once again. Be sure to write to your senators and representatives on the bills that interest you.

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The Agawam Public Schools, Department of Special Services hereby notifies individuals, who were formerly enrolled in special services and terminated prior to July 1, 1994, that their special services records will be destroyed fourteen (14) days from the date of this publication. Anyone who wants their records must notify Agawam Special Services, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001, in writing by July 16th, 1999. After July 16th, 1999 the records will be destroyed.

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— Agawam Obituaries —



Santo A. Cannarella

Santo "Sam" A. Cannarella, 78, of Feeding Hills, died on June 3, 1999 in St. Mary Regional Medical Center in Apple Valley, CA.

He was born in Hartford, CT.

A graduate of Bay Path College, he was a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant in the Asiatic campaign during World War II.

He was a tax accountant for Walter A. Musgrave & Co., Hartford; a senior auditor for Scovell, Wellington & Co. (Coopers, Lybrand), Springfield, MA; and a controller/financial advisor for Crompton & Knowles Corp.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills; a member of the National Association of Accountants; a past member of the Agawam Business & Industrial Development Commission board and former chairman of the financial committee; a member of UNICO and a former vice-president and director of the Agawam Chapter.

He is survived by his wife, the former Alice Szafran; sons, Wesley and Eugene of Hesperia, CA, and Santo Jr. of Oak Hills, CA; daughters, Louise Albrecht of Westfield, Susan Cannarella-Douglas of Temecula, CA, and Jan Cannarella-Durant of Hayden, ID; sister, Tina Cavaliere of New Britain, CT; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Kern Hesperia Mortuary, Hesperia, CA, handled arrangements.

Donations may be made "In Memory of Santo A. Cannarella" to the American Heart Association of Western MA, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Phyllis E. Roberts

Phyllis E. (Stone) Roberts, 62, of 1085 North West Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

She was the office manager at the former Ray Stone Buick of Westfield for 12 years. She was then a bookkeeper at Morton International, Chicopee, for 10 years, and retired this year from Serv-U corporate offices, Springfield, after three years of service.

Born in Springfield, she graduated from Agawam High School and was a lifelong resident of the Agawam/Feeding Hills area.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a former teacher of catechism at St. Theresa's Church, and a past Den mother of Pack 77 Cub Scouts at St. John's Church.

She leaves her husband, Thomas M.; three sons, Thomas M. Jr. and Jeffrey A., both of Agawam, and Timothy P. of Westfield; two daughters, Theresa L. Tirozzi and Mary Beth Tichy, both of Feeding Hills; a brother, Raymond Stone of Agawam; two sisters, Judith Atwell of Westfield and Beverly Wroblewski of California; nine grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Anna Natale

Anna (Meccia) Natale, 77, of 319 Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born and educated in Italy, she lived in Agawam since 1945.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the Catholic Women's Club.

She leaves a son, Frank Verteramo of Agawam, and four grandchildren.

Her first husband, Frank Verteramo, and second husband, Nicholas Natale, both predeceased her; another son, Anthony Verteramo, died this year, and a daughter, Joanne Connor, died last year.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

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Agawam Lions Install New Officers...



ROBERT CAMPBELL, the Agawam Lions Club's immediate Past President, receives a pin (top photo) and a plaque (photo below) from incoming President Christopher Johnson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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ROBERT CAMPBELL (far left), immediate Past President of the Agawam Lions Club, with incoming President Christopher Johnson, First Vice-President Robert Germano, and Second Vice-President Robert Taupier at the Lions' Den on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT HIS RECENT INSTALLATION, incoming Lions Club President Christopher Johnson (second from left) is congratulated by his father, Robert Johnson. Looking on are immediate Past President Robert Campbell (far left) and Master of Ceremonies Ray Olson (far right).

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Jr. Women Hold Arts/Crafts Fair...



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB held its annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 5th. Among those in attendance were Linda Barnes, Florida Tangocci, and Judy Anderson (left photo), and Jean Osolin (right photo). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IN TOP PHOTO: Wilma Gillan, Pat Belisle, Elsie Mallory, and Eva Jack. IN PHOTO BELOW: Ann Woodard, Whitney Brust, and Paula McCauley. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



CHRISTINE PARCHESKY (above) and HAZEL MALLORY (below) during the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Arts and Crafts Fair, which was held on the grounds of the Captain Leonard House on Main Street. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ALL "SMILES" at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Arts and Crafts Fair: Betty Cummings, Kathy Monahan, and Maureen Shepard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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JUST A REMINDER: The Town of Southwick will be holding its annual Boat Parade on Saturday, July 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. on the Congamond Lakes. This year, the theme of the Boat Parade is "Disney," and any kind of boat is welcome to participate in the parade. What's more, prior to the parade, a Guinness Book of World Records effort to create the "World's Longest Pontoon Boat Bridge" will attempt to span two towns and two states (Massachusetts and Connecticut) across the Congamond Lakes.

Guinness World Record To Be Set On Lake Congamond

Southwick: The beautiful Congamond Lakes in Southwick will be the site of a Guinness Book of World Records event.

On July 3rd, rain or shine, the Town of Southwick will be participating in the "World's Longest Pontoon Boat Bridge." The attempt will be a first of its kind anywhere and will span two towns and two states (Massachusetts & Connecticut), across the Congamond Lakes.

Three in number, the lakes attract visitors and residents alike. With their sloping, wooded banks and shoreline inlets and coves, the lakes provide a location for recreation and lakeside residences. Congamond Lakes derived their name from the Congamuck Indians.

Richard LaBarre and Pam LaBarre of Southwick, members of the Southwick CRC (Citizens Restoring Congamond), originated the Pontoon Chain event. "Actually, it was my husband, Rick's idea," says Pam. "Because we live along Congamond Lakes during the summer, he had this idea of gathering pontoon boats together and creating a chain, trying to set a world record."

In addition, to help raise funds to benefit the CRC, with pontoon boat registration donations. The funds raised would assist the CRC in its current effort in ridding the lakes of a milfoil weed problem.

The Bridge Committee, consisting of Southwick and West Suffield, Connecticut residents, are organizing this event. Committee members are Rick LaBarre, Pam LaBarre, Chuck Kraus, Linda Kraus, Steve Ayotte, Betty Ayotte, Phyllis Dunn, Jerry Crane, Janeene Crane, and Mark and Terry Tulyholowycz.

All the boats that will be participating in this Guinness Book World Record attempt are flat-bottom boats on pontoons, with outboard motors. The pontoons will be connected side-by-side from the Massachusetts shoreline stretching across Lake Congamond to the Connecticut shoreline. The event will start setting up at 12:00 noon and run through 3:00 p.m. The Bridge Committee is aiming for 3:00 as the official start for setting the world record, with the last connecting boats joining in. Once a complete chain is connected, it will be held for a certain length of time for documentation.

Rick and Pam started this fundraiser/record-maker, by first contacting Guinness over the Internet. Guinness responded positively, replying they were interested and sent the LaBarres a list of guidelines. The requirements include documentation of the chain of pontoons on the lakes with photographs, videos, and documents from town officials in both Southwick and West Suffield.

Pam remarks, "Each town's Selectmen will walk across from either side of their respective shorelines, and meet in the middle and shake hands. We have the official documentation from them for the event already."

Southwick's chairperson, Patricia Dunn-O'Connell and First Selectman of the Town of Suffield, Robert H. Skinner have both endorsed and given their full support to the effort, along with support and best wishes of the Southwick Chief of Police, Henry LaBombard.

"This will be a brand new Guinness Book category," says Pam. "No one has attempted to set a record with pontoons. Past records have used canoes in which they held hands to form a chain. We will be the first and hope to repeat the event next year."

Pam LaBarre sums up the purpose of the longest pontoon chain: "We decided it would be a fun event to hold, in order to raise money for the CRC, because they are an organization for the betterment of the lakes, which benefit the people of Southwick and West Suffield."

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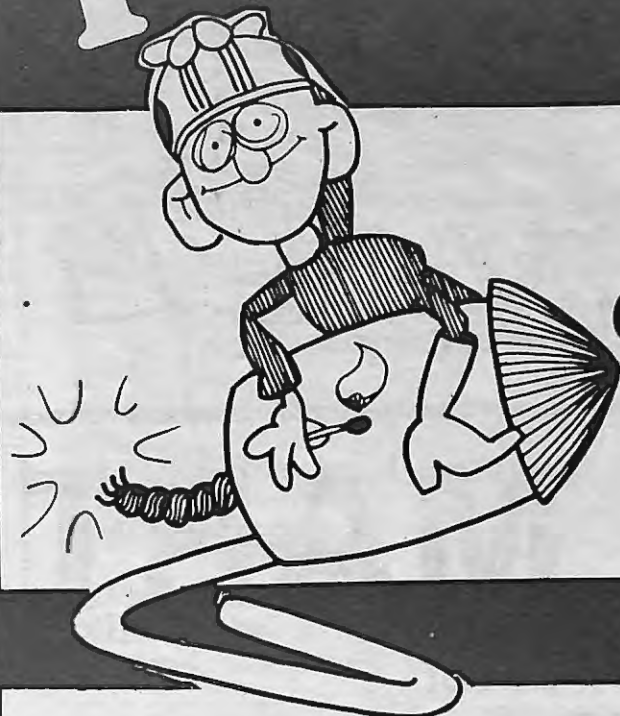
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UNICO Holds Golf Tournament...



THE AGAWAM CHAPTER OF UNICO sponsored a golf tournament at the Agawam Country Club on Sunday, June 6th. From left to right: State Representative Dan Keenan, Bill Slicch, Dick DiLullo, Ron Lalancette, Marla DiLullo, and Donna DiLullo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Michael Bruno, Pete Mutti, Marty Zebrowski, and Jan Pilawski are ready to "tee off" on the first hole during UNICO's June 6th golf tournament at the Agawam Country Club. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Al D'Agostino, Dennis Marchetto, John Conte, Gene Mutti, and Joe Conte, Jr. were on hand to remind everyone about the UNICO raffle that was scheduled to take place after the tournament dinner. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Agawam UNICO Holds Golf Tourney On Sunday, June 6th

Agawam UNICO held its second Annual Golf Tournament Sunday, June 6th at the Agawam Country Club, 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Following the tournament, a steak dinner was held at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper Street, Agawam where prizes were awarded and a raffle drawing was held.

UNICO National is an Italian-American service organization founded in 1922. The Agawam chapter was established in 1962. The club raises money throughout the year for mental health charities, scholarships, and other needy causes. Thus far in 1999, the Agawam chapter has donated over \$7,000 to these causes - 100 percent of funds raised.

Officers of the Agawam chapter are Dick DiLullo, President; Joe Conte, Jr., 1st Vice President; Earle Hollister, 2nd Vice President; Bruno Maule, Treasurer; Sal Morassi, Jr., Financial Secretary; Ron Lalancette, Secretary; Al D'Agostino, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The 1999 Golf Tournament Committee included Joseph J. Conte, Jr., chairman; Dick DiLullo, co-chairman; and committee members John Conte, Ron Lalancette, Don Hanna, Tony Polacco, Bruno Maule, Art Chase, Gene Mutti, Bob Rossi, Sal Morassi, Sr., Sal Morassi, Jr., Louis Russo, and Jack Devine.

News From The Agawam Senior Center

SHUFFLEBOARD

The Senior Games are over until next year, which is a qualifying year for the National Games. You don't have to be a participant in the Senior Games to enjoy shuffleboard.

We are still playing every Tuesday afternoon (weather permitting). Those who wish to participate are asked to meet at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m., at which time they will depart for Forest Park in Springfield. They will play until approximately 3:00 p.m.

We have all the equipment for anyone to play. You can go any afternoon, as you have the equipment.

This is a sport that does not require a lot of athletic ability and strength. It's usually cool and breezy under the trees.

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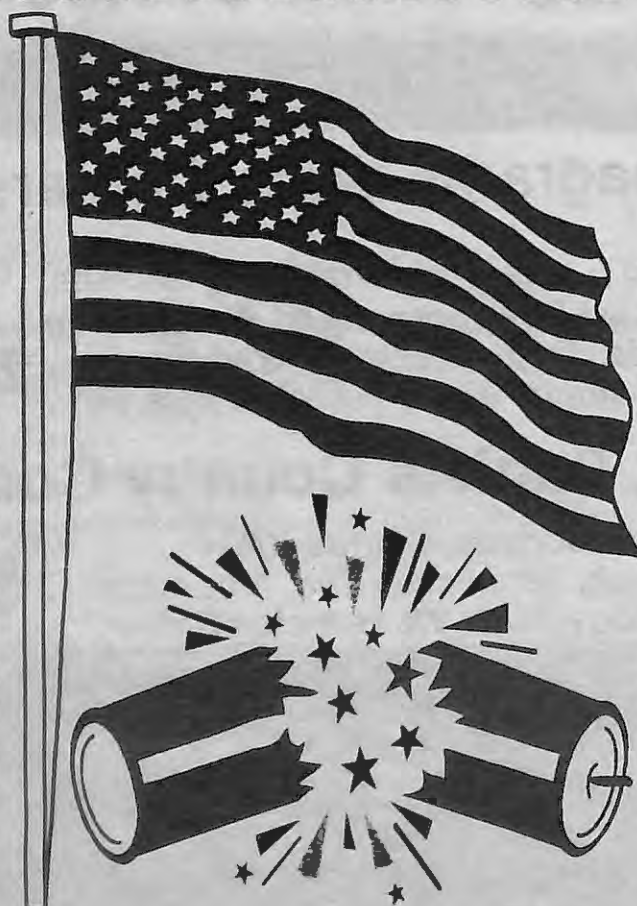
CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT FINALS

Our latest tournament ended on June 18th. We had 25 participants (which is a good number, considering the increase in outdoor activities).

Our winners are: J. Emile Cote, who won 83 games with a spread point of 186; Irene Sorel, 77 and 216; Maurice Bellemare, 76 and 325; and Peg Altobelli, 75 and 53. Congratulations to our winners and all who participated.

We will resume our tournaments the first Friday in September at 1:00 p.m. (our classes don't begin until October). Cribbage will continue during the summer months and will be run by J. Emile Cote. Come and enjoy the games.

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At Lions' Picnic...



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB recently held a family picnic on the grounds of the Polish Club. From left to right: Bob Juzba, George Collins, Roger Sherry, and Karyn Heaton.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE FAMILY PICNIC: Lions Club members Edward Disco, Charles Calabrese, Anthony Bonavita, and immediate Past President Robert Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STANDING: Robert Campbell (the Lions Club's immediate Past President) and Jim Loomis (Picnic Chairman). **SEATED:** Picnic greeters Jim Votzakis and Jim Taupier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

News From The Agawam Library

LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in Agawam Library's Summer Reading (and Read-To-Me) program, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Regional Library System.

This year is the easiest ever to keep track of reading time. Youngsters will receive a calendar to keep track of their reading progress when they register for the program.

Full details of prize drawings and other program incentives are available at the library's sign-up tables.

CRAFTS PROGRAM FOR SUMMER READERS

On Tuesday morning, July 6th, at 10:00 a.m., the library will host our first summer craft project pro-

gram, "CRAFTY CRITTERS." Kids ages 3½ and older are welcome to register for a 45-minute program of stories and related crafts. Children under age six need to be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is limited. Call 789-1550 to register.

PUPPET SHOW

The library invites program participants and their families to an original puppet show on Thursday evening, July 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

"CIRCUS ON A STRING" is a new marionette production of the Robert Rogers Puppet Company, and is sure to delight kids three years-old and up — parents and grandparents included.

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JEREMY MUTTI AND AIMEE N. LOUDFOOT

Aimee N. Loudfoot Engaged To Wed Jeremy Mutti

Alan Loudfoot and Joyce and Thomas Forgues of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Aimee Nicole, to Jeremy Mutti, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mutti of Springfield.

Aimee is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School and is attending Holyoke Community College, pursuing an associate's degree in early education. She is employed as an associate teacher at Bright Horizons in Enfield.

Jeremy is a 1995 graduate of Central High School and is attending the University of Massachusetts, pursuing a degree in physical anthropology. He is an aquatics supervisor at Riverside Park and an electrical systems specialist with the Air National Guard at Barnes Airport.

The couple is planning a May 12, 2001 wedding.



RONALD AND JODI MANISCALCO WITH BABY SHOSHANA.

Maniscalco Family Announces Birth Of Daughter Shoshana

Ronald and Jodi Maniscalco are proud first-time parents. A daughter, Shoshana Leah, was born on June 22, 1999 in Farmington, Maine. The little girl weighed six pounds, four ounces, and was 20 inches long.

The grandparents are Tony and Rosemarie Maniscalco of 3 Cecile Street, Agawam.

Ronald graduated from Agawam High School in 1985 and the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 1990. He is a professional electrical engineer.

Jodi is from Randolph, Massachusetts. She attended RIT, Emory University, and is a physician's assistant.

They were married on Nantucket Island on May 10, 1997.

Preparing For "Beautification Day"



AT HERITAGE HALL'S EAST BUILDING, Jeanne Carnevale, Florence Cote, Helen Manning, Annie Perry, and Mary Goodreau look at the flowers that they intended to plant on "Beautification Day" (June 11th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Laurie Willett To Wed Anthony Bajorek, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Willett, Jr. of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Ann, to Anthony Joseph Bajorek, Jr., both of Beacon Falls, Connecticut.

Anthony is the son of Anthony Bajorek, Sr. of Prospect, Connecticut and Geneva Bajorek of West Hartford, Connecticut.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Sacred Heart University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and is employed by Oxford Health Plans as a Commission Representative.

Her fiancé received a Bachelor of Arts Degree

in History from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Science Degree in Education from the University of Bridgeport. He is an Account Executive at Environmental Data Resources.

Proud grandparents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Rising, Jr. of Hollywood, Florida and Mrs. Harriette Willett of Agawam. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Verna Allen of Ellenton, Florida and Mrs. Anita Rising of Feeding Hills.

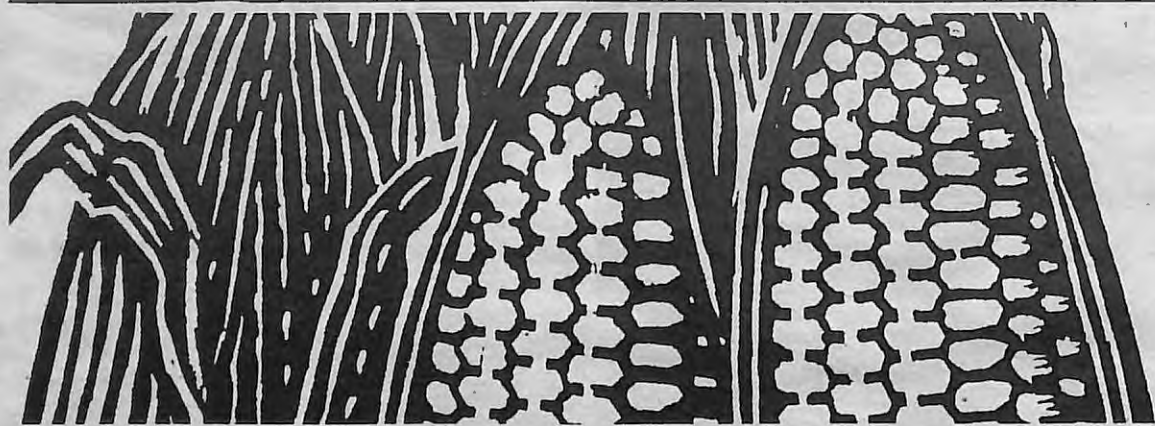
A September 1999 wedding is planned at Harkness State Park in Waterford, Connecticut.

Because it will be closed on Monday, July 5th, The AAN will be open until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 2nd, in order to receive articles, press releases, etc.

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HENRY AND LUCILLE DUPONT

Henry And Lucille Dupont Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Henry and Lucille Dupont of Agawam will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a special Mass given in their honor at Saint Joseph's Church in Springfield on July 3, 1999.

Following the Mass, a celebration dinner, given by their children, Claire Cardin of Agawam and Michael Dupont of Ashford, Connecticut, will take place at the Knights of Columbus.

Henry and Lucille immigrated from Canada and were married on July 2, 1949 at Holy Angel Church, St. Albans, Vermont.

They presently reside in Agawam and have six granddaughters.

Ag. Golden Age Club's Chapter 2 July Calendar Of Events

Wednesday, July 7th: Chicken Barbeque at Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield. Serving at 12:00 noon. Entertainment provided by comedian Paul Entrees.

(If you have not purchased your tickets for the Chicken Barbeque due to the cancellation of our latest regular meeting, please make reservations, enclosing your check, with Eileen Collier, 703 North St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, 786-1007. Table reservations should be mailed to Harry Durant, 66 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

Monday, July 19th: Monday bus trip to Delaney House. Lobster bake and show.

Wednesday, July 21st: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Bingo.

Monday, July 26th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino. No Board of Directors' meeting in July.

Wednesday, July 28th: Bus trip to Delaney House. Lobster bake and show.

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join Golden Age Club Chapter 2.

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Heritage Hall Seeks Junior Volunteers For The Summer

Heritage Hall Centers, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, has many volunteer positions for students this summer. Hours are flexible and a complete training program is provided.

Volunteer opportunities include visiting with residents, nail care, pet visits, assisting with activities, outdoor activities, gardening, arts and crafts, and much more.

Gain valuable experience and have fun at the same time.

For more information, please contact Kim George, Director of Volunteer Services at 786-8000, extension 217.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 5th: No lunch (Senior Center closed for holiday).

Tuesday, July 6th: Shepherd's pie, Italian mixed vegetables, breadsticks, whole wheat bread, peaches.

Wednesday, July 7th: Stuffed shells with extra sauce, tossed salad, Vienna bread, ice cream.

Thursday, July 8th: Tomato and zucchini soup, chicken cutlet on roll with lettuce and tomato, pineapple.

Friday, July 9th: Bean and macaroni soup, tuna salad on roll, pickled beets, cookies.



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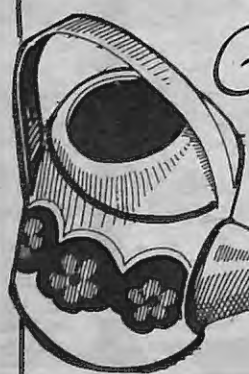
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Ready For Those Hungry Golfers...



FOLLOWING AGAWAM UNICO'S golf tournament on Sunday, June 6th, a steak dinner was held at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper Street, Agawam. From left to right: UNICO "grillmeisters" Charles Calabrese, Sal Morassi, Jr., and Frank Morassi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Tom Leahy enjoying his steak dinner. IN RIGHT PHOTO: "Kitchen helpers" Louis Russo, Renso Frigo, Art Chase, and Sal Morassi, Sr. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Riverside Park To Celebrate Fourth Of July With Fireworks

Riverside Park will light up the sky over the Connecticut River on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th to celebrate Independence Day.

Atlas Pyrotechnics will start a breathtaking fireworks display each evening immediately following the races.

Race-goers will have some of the best seats in the house. The Speedway will dim its lights as the excitement begins "bursting in air." Riverside is open from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Independence Day weekend.

Riverside Park is owned by Six Flags Theme Parks, part of Premier Parks, Inc., the world's largest regional theme park company with a total of 33 parks in the United States, Latin America, and Europe. Six Flags parks serve 16 of the 25 largest metropolitan areas in the United States.

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The company's stock address on the NYSE under the symbol: PKS.

The Rodman Family Announces Birth Of Son, Matthew Ernest

Nelson and Carla (Beavis) Rodman of New York are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Ernest, born May 20, 1999.

Matthew weighed eight pounds, seven ounces. Grandparents are Trudy & Joe Beavis of Feeding Hills and Dr. & Mrs. Harold Rodman of New York.

Great-grandparents are Charlotte Horsfall of Florida and Luella Nelson of New York.

Matthew's cousins, Alycia and Alexandra Beavis of Feeding Hills and Zachary and Tad of New York, join in welcoming Matthew into the family.

Applications Available For November Craft Fair At Polish Club

Applications are now being accepted for the 17th Annual Craft Fair on November 16th at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary.

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Church News



REVEREND GENE DEJONGH receives the Laying On of Hands by area ministers as he is installed as the full-time minister at Valley Community Church during a special ceremony on Sunday evening, June 13th.

Rev. Gene deJongh Installed As Valley Community Church's New Full-Time Minister

An important event in any church's life is the installation of its pastor. Such an event took place Sunday, June 13th, at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills as Rev. Gene deJongh was installed as the church's full-time minister.

Assisting with the service and participating in the Laying On of Hands were former pastor of the church, Rev. Stephen Dennehy; interim pastor and Council of Churches' Board representative, Rev. Dr. Robert Loesch; Rev. James Jasmin of Faith Bible Church; Rev. Rick Barnes of First Baptist Church of Agawam; and Rev. Len Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church, who officiated at the ceremony.

Each pastor had words of welcome and blessing for both Pastor Gene and his family, wife Claire and sons Christopher and Nathan. The ceremony culminated with the Laying On of Hands and a moving blessing by Rev. Cowan, while soloist Margie Secora captured the moment with a stirring rendition of "Stand."

Pastor Gene, having declared his covenant with the congregation, led them in Communion assisted by Rev. Dennehy, while the choir solemn-

ly sang "In Remembrance of Me."

Following the ceremony, members of the congregation and friends were invited downstairs to celebrate the installation and welcome the new Pastor and his family with a bountiful reception prepared by the Parish Life Committee.

Many were moved to tears and inspired by the service and the bonding of area ministers and church leaders.

Pastor Gene began his duties immediately upon arriving from Cedarville, Illinois, leading a funeral service for beloved and longtime church member Marion Bennikade, preaching his first official sermon at Sunday's worship service, and even serving chicken at their Annual Strawberry Supper the Saturday evening before.

Since their arrival, he and his family have been moved by the warm welcome they have already received by the community of Agawam and its religious leaders and invite those who have a concern, a need for prayer, a desire for Christ to be part of their life, to call the church at (413) 786-2445 and he or a deacon will return their call.

Weekly Calendar Of Events From Agawam Congregational Church

This Sunday, July 4th, is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Summer Schedule continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's special July 4th sermon will be, "Let Freedom Ring," taken from Text: Luke 4:18. His Children's Message will be, "Oh, Can You See."

Summer Church School continues and will be immediately following the Children's Message.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

The joint Vacation Bible Camp (Agawam Congregational and Agawam First Baptist Church) is planned for July 26th through July 30th. This year's theme is "The Great Bibleland Dig," and it will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$7 per child (three or more per family, no additional fee). Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend.

To register your child, you may call the church office at 786-7111.

All Church/After Church/Sunday Baseball Bus Trip: Join us on Sunday, August 1st (after church), for a bus trip down to Norwich, CT, to see the Norwich Navigators versus the Portland Sea Dogs.

The four-pack includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas, four bags of chips, and the bus ride. All this for only \$40!

Make your reservations today. Deadline for your prepay tickets is Wednesday, July 28th. Call the church office for more information at 786-7111.

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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We wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday...

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Two Churches Invite Public To Summer Festival

The 475 Main Street grounds of Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield will be the setting for its annual Summer Festival, presented in conjunction with its neighbor church, St. Louis de France, on Saturday, July 10th, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The entire public is very cordially invited to attend.

Features this year will be children's entertainments, including a well-received, super puppet show at 12:00 noon, crafts, foods, an all-paper "super bingo" from 1:00 p.m. on, and a grand raffle (with tickets available until the late night drawing of winners).

Some of the many prizes include a trip for four to Atlantic City, a TV and VCR combination, a wicker lawn set (including a rocker), a 40,000 btu gas grill, a personal-size TV, teddy bears, and a basket of Beanie Babies!, etc. etc.

From 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., a really delicious chicken dinner with all the summer fixins' will be served. The evening's entertainment include games of chance, but would not be complete without the music of the Majestics, featuring "Buddy Holly and the Crickets" and a number of other performers to dazzle all of us.

This year's Summer Festival promises fun all day and into the evening. Come on along and get your share of it - buy a craft item, have a lunch or dinner, play some games, put yourself in the running for some nice prizes. Invite your family and friends.

Plan to dance or just sit and enjoy late into the evening of fun under the trees. (And please, BYO blankets or lawn chairs, o.k.?) We're working hard for your pleasure, so see you there!

The Sacrament Of Anointing Slated At St. Anthony' Church

On Sunday, July 11th at 2:00 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua Church, corner of Maple & Bridge Streets in Agawam, will celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing.

Prayers and anointing with the "Oil of Chrism" will be offered for the healing of mind, body, and spirit.

Rev. William C. Rousseau will be the celebrant. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

If you are in a wheelchair or have any special needs, call 786-4451.

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FREE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT

READ: Judges 2:11-23

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. —Judges 17:6

obedience, which resulted in oppression by pagan neighbors.

Still today, many people, and even some professing Christians, ignore God's clear revelation of Himself in His Word. They think they are free to form their own ideas of what God is like and what He expects. Strongly influenced by a godless culture, they live at the center of their own little world and walk in their own ways. That creates moral and spiritual confusion.

We must take God's Word seriously if we are to show our world that Christ gives us freedom to do what's right. —DJJ

Christ came to give us liberty

By dying in our place;

Now with new freedom we are bound

To share His love and grace. —DJJ

FREEDOM DOESN'T GIVE US THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT WE PLEASE, BUT TO DO WHAT PLEASES GOD.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

Diane Ball will join us this week as our guest speaker. Communion will not be served on July 4th, but on the following Sunday instead.

The lectionary readings for the sixth Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13 (or Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14); Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. Matt Granger will be our Lecturer.

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Beginning on Sunday, July 11th, and continuing each Sunday, children of all ages will gather together during the worship service to make props for Vacation Bible School. This year, VBS has a jungle theme and will take place from Monday, August 16th, to Friday, August 20th.

Activities are planned to take place from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each day. Lani Kretschmar or Lynn Hill should be able to answer any questions you may have.

During the months of July and August, the church office will be closed on Mondays. It will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Church members should have received notice of an upcoming Special Meeting called by the Council.

If you do not receive a notice in the mail, please call the church office at 786-5061.

On the calendar:

Sunday, July 4th: 9:30 a.m., Worship led by Diane Ball; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Tuesday, July 6th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Thursday, July 8th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

You turn our pages each and every week for all the local news...

Viewing The Fireworks...

Valley Community Church Invites You On The 4th Of July

For the past five years, Valley Community Church has invited the community to view the Springfield fireworks display from its vantage point high on the hill at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Granted, the church grounds are a distance away and the "booms" are negligible, but something must draw the 200-plus people to celebrate the Fourth of July at the church each year.

Here is the "Top 10 List" for why people come to Valley Community Church to watch the fireworks:

Number 10: people want to escape the crowds and traffic.

Number nine: people appreciate the close parking spaces.

Number eight: people aren't afraid of rockets landing in their laps.

Number seven: people enjoy the sloping grass hill on which to lay their blankets.

Number six: people appreciate the solid, flat hardtop driveway to set up their chairs.

Number five: people like the patriotic songs that come from the big, outside church speakers.

Number four: kids like the big space to run, play, or twirl the glow-stick necklaces that are on sale.

Number three: people enjoy the fresh smell of popcorn as it is being made in our popcorn machine.

Number two: people like all the other inexpensive food that is sold while they wait for the fireworks to begin (including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, brownies, soda, and coffee).

Number one: people like the safe, friendly atmosphere and the fellowship of good people who have come to celebrate our nation's birthday.

Plans to make this holiday a family affair with members of the Valley Community Church congregation who invite you to come for supper, come for the fireworks display, and come for fun and fellowship on the Fourth of July.

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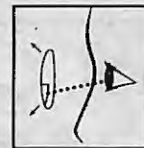
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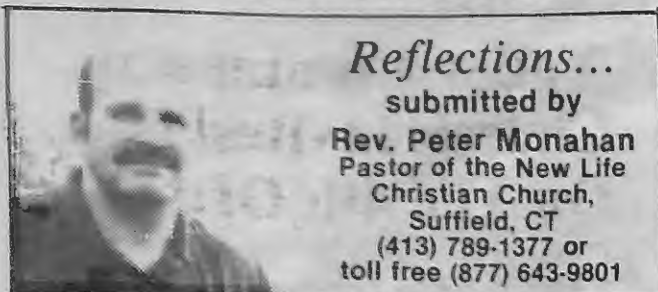


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The Declaration Of Independence

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

With these words, America declared its independence from England. For over 200 years, this one sentence has been the backbone of our American political philosophy. Just about all of us truly believe that each of us is entitled to what the Declaration of Independence calls "unalienable Rights."

Each of us wants to be free to enjoy the benefits of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, but are we really free to do that? If we are so free, how is it that our prisons are exploding with overpopulation? How is it that despair runs rampant throughout our society? Why are our courthouses and schoolhouses guarded with metal detectors? Why are people harming themselves and each other in all sorts of ways, including but not only with drug, alcohol, and sexual abuse?

The Apostle Paul, writing in the Book of Romans, said, "The Law has shown me that something in me keeps me from doing what I know is right. With my whole heart I agree with the Law of God. But in every part of me I discover something fighting against my mind, and it makes me a prisoner of sin that controls everything I do." The Bible says what each of us knows in the bottom of our hearts, that even though we are free politically, we are still not free to enjoy Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, simply because we have declared ourselves to be.

The Bible tells us that if we are controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions will bear fruit for death. Jesus said, "Out of your heart come evil thoughts, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, vulgar deeds, stealing, telling lies and insulting others. These are what make you unclean." When we find ourselves doing things we know we should not do, it is not the devil who makes us do it, it is our own sinful nature.

The disparity we encounter is that the Declaration of Independence is a political document. Political documents cannot set people free. They are very handy for establishing nations, as we have seen; but they are useless for setting people free, as we have experienced.

There is a true Declaration of Independence which does set people free. It is declared each time a person declares himself or herself dependent upon the grace of God by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. When a person becomes a Christian by accepting Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives that person the power to overcome their sinful nature. One of the "fruits," or evidences, of the Holy Spirit's presence in a person's life is self-control. Instead of being controlled by the sinful nature, for the first time in our lives we are actually self-controlled. Then we are really free.

The 1776 document also says that "A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people." The sinful nature is such a prince, and it is not fit to be the ruler of any person who would truly like to be free. "Who will rescue me from this body that is doomed to die? Thank God! Jesus Christ will rescue me."

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, July 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, July 2nd from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053...

Service Of Communion Slated For This Sunday At First Baptist Church

There will be a service of communion this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church. Ray Williams, Sr. will lead the responsive reading.

Martha Fletcher will be guest organist, and special music will be presented. A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow worship in Davis Hall.

If you are a visitor in town, please know a warm welcome awaits you in our air-conditioned sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The First Baptist Church, located on the corner of Main and Elm Streets, is a member of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Members of the Junior Youth group who plan to participate in the Youth Mission Trip are reminded that there will be a meeting of that group on Tuesday, July 6th, at 7:00 p.m. You are urged to attend this planning meeting. ***

This season, the First Baptist Church will join with the Agawam Congregational Church in a Vacation Bible Camp. Entitled, "The Great Bibleland Dig," the camp will be held from July 26th through July 30th, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Ages two through the sixth grade are eligible to attend. The cost is \$7 per child. Registration forms and details can be had by contacting the church office.

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News And Notes From St. John The Evangelist Church In Agawam

BIBLE CAMP

Our annual Bible Camp will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This camp is for children ages four through eight.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers, teens, and adults are still needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

If your oldest child will be entering first grade (or will be new to our program) in September, please call 786-8105 and we will send you a registration form; or stop into the Parish Office and pick one up.

With a community of over 6,000, we should have many who could help with our Religious Education Program. We do not expect "college professors," but an ordinary, committed Christian like you.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

PARISH PICNIC

Plans are progressing nicely for our Parish Picnic on August 29th. We will use our own St. John's Field for this event. Mariann Green is the chairman.

Want to help? Give us a call at 786-8105.

MILLENNIUM QUILT

If you missed the application form to obtain a Quilt Square for your family, they are available at the doors of the church.

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If you have any questions, please call Barbara at 569-9830.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

There are no regular meetings during July and August, and no Summer Support Group for Divorced/Widowed individuals.

July 4th: Star-Spangled Springfield Fireworks.

July 8th: Planning meeting, 7:00 p.m.

July 10th: Springfield Armory Band Concert, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

July 17th: Calvin Theater, Northampton - "West Side Story."

July 29th: Storowton Village Gazebo - "Vickie Phillips," 7:30 p.m.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet this Friday, July 2nd, at St. John's from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

REMEMBERING BISHOP MARSHALL

The fifth anniversary of the death of Bishop Marshall will be observed with a 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, July 4th.

All are invited to attend.

"MASSTIMES"

Traveling this summer and don't know where the churches are in the area you are visiting? The 1-800-MASSTIMES (1-800-627-7846) will give you both the location and Mass schedule for all Catholic churches.

This is a service of the annual Catholic Communications collection of last weekend.

Agawam United Methodist Welcomes A New Pastor

There are changes in the Spiritual leadership for Agawam United Methodist Church beginning July 1, 1999.

A new pastor has been assigned to the church and the previous pastor will be retiring as of the same date. A small reception for the new pastor will be held following the 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. service, July 4th in the social hall of the church.

All are welcome to join in this new beginning and to greet our new pastor. Since this is summer-time and attendance is generally reduced, another reception will take place sometime in September for those who were away on vacation.

The church wishes Rev. Talemaque the best on his retirement from active church leadership, but by no means retirement from God's work.

Faith Bible Church Hosting Seminar

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

Discussions will include eschatology, significant current events that point to us on a Biblical timeline, and what the new millennium is going to bring according to Scripture.

"Church News" is just one more reason why you turn our pages every week...

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Spotlight On Business

Westfield Bank Announces Its New Corporators

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Bank, has announced the recent addition of five Corporators of the Bank. The newly-named Corporators are George Sullivan, Christina A. Calabrese, Gwendolyn A. Godfrey, Gary L. Fialky, Esq., and Robert Bruce Dewey.

George Sullivan, a resident of East Longmeadow, is President of Sullivan Paper Co. in West Springfield. When not at the office, he enjoys coaching youth hockey teams.

Christina A. Calabrese works at the Hampden County Juvenile Court. A resident of Feeding Hills, Ms. Calabrese is active in the Massachusetts Clerk's Association, the Hampden County Bar Association, as well as the Massachusetts Women's Bar Association.

Gwendolyn A. Godfrey is active in numerous Westfield projects. A town resident, she works for Westfield State College. Mrs. Godfrey is President of the Westfield Kiwanis Club and a corporator of the Westfield Athenaeum. She is also involved with the Westfield Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Gary L. Fialky, Esq. is an attorney with the law firm of Bacon & Wilson, P.C. A resident of Longmeadow, Mr. Fialky is the President of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Executive Board of the Greater Springfield Chambers. He is also a member of the Hampden County Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, as well as the American Bar Association. In addition, Mr. Fialky is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society for the New England Division and is an overseer at Baystate Medical Center.

Robert Bruce Dewey is Senior Counsel of Mestek Corp. A resident of Westfield, Mr. Dewey serves as Vice Chairman of the Westfield State College Foundation. He is also a trustee of Baystate Health Systems.

As a Mutual Holding Company, Westfield Bank Corporators serve to represent the needs of the depositors and to provide advice and guidance to bank management. Mr. Williams noted, "We are pleased and delighted to be able to add such highly qualified new members to our existing impressive group of dedicated corporators."

Westfield Bank is one of the largest independent community banks in the area offering a full line of financial services to area businesses and individuals. Headquartered in Westfield, with assets of over \$580 million, the bank has offices located in Agawam, East Longmeadow, Southwick, and West Springfield. A new office in downtown Springfield is scheduled to open in the near future.



DONALD A. WILLIAMS (far left), President of Westfield Bank, with the bank's newly-named Corporators: Gwendolyn A. Godfrey, George Sullivan, Christina A. Calabrese, and Gary L. Fialky, Esq. (Missing from photo: Corporator Robert Bruce Dewey.)

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Legal
Memo**

by

Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.
546 Springfield St., F.H.
(413) 786-9454**Motor Vehicle Negligence****Crossing Traffic Lanes - Head-On Collision**

A 23 year-old plaintiff was driving his automobile on Route 27 when he crossed Route 1. The defendant's oncoming vehicle allegedly took a left turn across the plaintiff's lane of travel, resulting in a head-on collision with extensive property damage.

The police later found a bag containing marijuana under the plaintiff's front seat and charged him with illegal possession. The police claimed that the plaintiff's vehicle left more than 80 feet of skid marks.

The plaintiff had been working full-time as a mason tender for more than a year before the car accident. At the time of the accident, the plaintiff had been working for more than four months at a rate of \$24.70 per hour.

The plaintiff was transported by ambulance to the local hospital, where he complained of neck and head pain. He returned four days later with severe low back pain. In late summer of that year, the plaintiff began treating with an orthopedic surgeon who saw the plaintiff seven times that year, nine times in 1995, five times in 1996, four times in 1997, and finally in early summer of 1998. The orthopedic surgeon diagnosed the plaintiff as having chronic low back pain with guarded prognosis of indeterminate duration, which disabled the plaintiff from returning to work as a mason.

The plaintiff remained out of work for a total of 10 months. He resumed employment as a machine operator with a printing company at a reduced rate of pay, but with health insurance and other fringe benefits.

The defendant had suffered from impaired memory during recent years, and was concerned with a potential of a jury verdict in excess of \$100,000 optional bodily injury coverage limit.

The plaintiff was concerned that a jury would sympathize with the defendant and penalize him for the alleged skid marks and for the marijuana possession and other criminal convictions.

The parties agreed to submit the case to binding high/low arbitration with parameters of \$100,000/\$20,000. The arbitrator awarded a net arbitration award of \$90,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

**Thomas J. Stanton
Is Director Of May
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Thomas J. Stanton of Agawam has been named Director of the May Center for Adult Services in West Springfield, a nonprofit program of the award-winning May Institute.

He will oversee the May Center's network of over 25 community-based homes and apartments for men and women with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. May staff provide specialized support to adults living in Chicopee, Hadley, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Northampton, Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham, and several Connecticut communities. May also offers individualized day services in Easthampton.

Stanton brings to the role more than 20 years of clinical and management experience in human services. For the past four years, he has served as Director of the Learning Center in Waltham, Mass. Prior to that, he served as director of residential services for FOR Community Services in Chicopee for eight years and as a program supervisor for the Association for Community Living in Springfield for five years.

His extensive background also includes positions as a teacher and a service coordinator for the Department of Mental Retardation.

Stanton holds an M.S. in Management from Lesley College and a B.S. in Education from Westfield State College, earning his teaching certification in special education and elementary education.

Founded in 1955, the May Institute is New England's largest nonprofit provider of behavioral healthcare and human services. Fully accredited

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by JCAHO, the May was recently featured in the book, *In Search of America's Best Nonprofits*.

In addition to adult services, the May's West Springfield office serves as base for the May Centers for Elderly Intervention and School and Family Consultation.

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Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce that Priscilla Harman has joined the Keenan & Molta team.

Priscilla is a residential and relocation specialist and has earned her Graduate Realtor Institute designation. In addition, she is a Certified Buyers Representative and Certified Residential Specialist.

Priscilla is currently completing her Associate in Science degree in business at Holyoke Community College. Priscilla also serves on five committees at the Greater Springfield Association of

Realtors and is a member of the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council Association.

Priscilla can be reached at 737-5800 or 748-7541.

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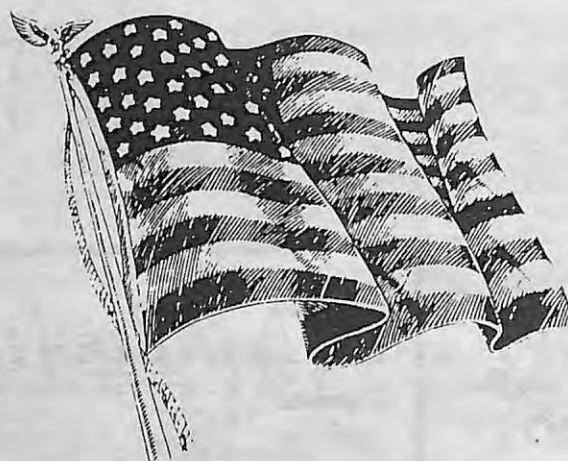
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Find A Way To Exercise

Recently, I've been reading a great book called "Strong Women Stay Slim." The book emphasizes eating healthy, good foods and exercising.

In one section the author, Dr. Miriam Nelson (no relation to myself), commented on fitting exercise into our lives. She stated it isn't easy, but it's important to our health to find a way to exercise.

Some suggestions include:

- Exercise while you watch television. Do strength training as you watch the evening news, use an exercise machine during your favorite sitcom. If there's any program you tune into regularly, make a habit of working out while you watch.

- Transport yourself. Instead of using your car or elevator, take the opportunity for aerobic exercise.

- Socialize while you work out. Make exercise dates rather than lunch or dinner dates. This is a great way to spend time with your kids, spouse, friends, and parents.

- Go on the installment plan. If you simply can't find 30 consecutive minutes for exercise, divide your workouts into 10-minute segments and squeeze them in when you can. Get up a little earlier in the morning; take a pre-lunch or pre-dinner aerobic break. It all adds up!

These are some great tips. Don't forget, a healthy body is a happy body. When you are in good physical shape, there tend to be fewer physical problems. Start to exercise today!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at 850 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

New Immunization Rules For Students

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has issued new immunization regulations for all students entering grade seven in September of 1999.

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Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
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Just Give It A Try

Fitness can sometimes be extremely intimidating. Most people that walk into a gym after a few years of being gone know this well.

You are faced with all different ages of people who (you think) are stronger, leaner, and healthier than you. It is awkward. Even once you've made the big step and come to the gym, walking into that class can be brutal, especially for the first two to three times.

I know it's not like this for everyone. Some people feel at home everywhere. But, for those who know what I'm talking about, this is for you.

I would like to take a second to dispel a myth that I'm indirectly hearing from people. It sounds like, "I can't go in there. I couldn't keep up," or "No way. I'll watch the class from here. Maybe I'll go in someday."

The myth is that *fitness is only for people that are fit*. Sounds funny, huh? I hear it a lot about spinning. They stand in the door and watch. My suggestion is just give it a try. The absolute truth is that no one is watching you. The instructor will keep an eye on you if you tell them it is your first time. We really appreciate that information *before class*! Remember, you will not do something your body can't do and we won't ask you to.

It is also important to give things two to three tries. The first time is awkward, as we mentioned. No matter what the new activity is, your form will not be perfect that first time. No one ever is. The second time you get the hang of it and can keep up, you know what to expect and it is a bit more comfortable. The third time, you can actually use it as a workout.

You should feel comfortable slowing down when you feel you are working too hard, or picking it up when it is not challenging enough. Usually by the fourth time, you'll notice a newcomer and want to tell them, "It's okay. Just give it a try."



Your Back And Your Health

by **Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer**
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Understanding Chiropractic

Since beginning a practice in Agawam over 20 years ago, I've witnessed many changes in the perception and attitude surrounding the chiropractic profession. Both the general public and the medical community have come to better understand the benefits that chiropractic care offers.

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* has gone where it has never gone before. It made November "Alternative Medicine" month.

Power To The People: Yielding to pressure from that most influential entity, the consuming public, the medical community has taken a new look at health care practices falling outside the traditional medical model.

The November issue of the *Archives of Internal Medicine* published a paper entitled "Chiropractic: Origins, Controversies and Contributions." It states that chiropractic is an important component of the U.S. health care system and the largest alternative medical profession. It concludes that chiropractic has endured, grown, and thrived in the United States and suggests that it will continue to endure as an important component of health care in the United States.

It further states that in the response to countless requests for the treatment of pain, chiropractors have consistently offered the promise, assurance, and perception of relief.

Chiropractic's ultimate lesson may be to reinforce the principle that the patient-physician relationship is fundamentally about words and deeds of connection and compassion. Chiropractic has managed to embody this message in the gift of the hands.

Nicely said.

Dr. Joseph Schlaffer and Dr. Katherine Schlaffer have their professional offices at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Call 789-1369 or 789-1073 for an appointment.

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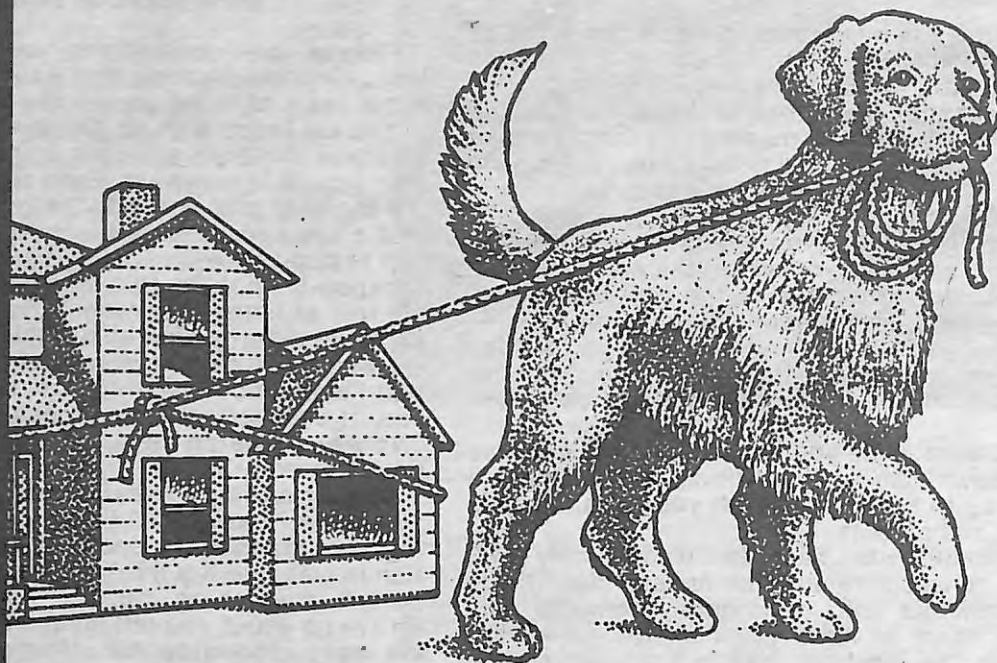
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Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, July 14th and 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

On July 14th, the topic will be "Dietary Concerns: How To Enjoy Meals And Still Be Healthy." On July 28th, the topic will be "Stroke Behaviors: What Are They And How Do You Manage Them?"

Diabetes: Tuesday, July 27th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

The topic of this meeting will be "Diabetes And Your Eyes" with Mary Gina Ratchford.

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Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, July 15th and 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

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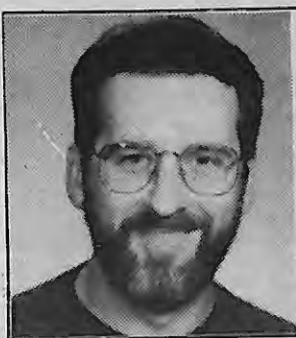
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Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist. Sundays, July 11th and 18th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

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Freedom Into A New Identity

Last week we spoke about freedom from slavery (a la the Jewish Exodus story). We also talked about the possibilities of becoming **more** than the family system's version of who they need us to be (to the exclusion of a self).

For those of you who relate to the Exodus story, particularly the part about moving (through the Red Sea) into freedom away from an oppressive system, I offer this question: can you live into a new identity once you decide you can't go back to the old identity (back through the Red Sea)?

Can you connect to your own story as to where you see yourself relative to the metaphor of the Red Sea? The Red Sea to me means those essential moment(s) in time where real life transitions are possible and are achieved. They are those moments in time that can happen only with the help of others. Some call these "miracle moments," "couldn't have done it without you" moments, "thanks for just being there with me" moments.

In these moments we can get very close to the fear and anxiety of wanting to "just keep things the way they are," or "let's do it, but don't let go of my hand," or "I can't believe I survived. I thought I was gonna die!" Again, back to your story! Where do you see yourself? Perhaps as Pharaoh's loyal brickmaker? As bad as this situation was I at least had the comfort of knowing where my next meal

was coming from. Or perhaps you see your life as a crossing. Maybe you've done some traveling to the other side of how you would like to live your life, different from an oppressive system's version.

Whether you see yourself in any of these three scenarios or somewhere in between, the question I wonder about is what awaits you once you've journeyed through difficult transitions (the Red Sea) onto the side and then you realize you can **not go back** - the water will not part again?

For many, the reality that they literally can not go back home (to the old identity) is terrifying! So much so that they will make all sorts of attempts to recreate that "being back at home" feeling. Married couples do this all the time. Relationships in general, do this all the time. The idea of creating a new and different identity from the family system version is so scary that we collude with one another by way of arguing and other such behaviors that help us feel "at home."

Over 200 years ago, our country organized its people with a vision, a new version of how life could be different from their oppressive English rule. These people crossed an ocean, most never to cross back over again. They felt the bond of an oppressive rule despite the geographical distance. They got to feel what it felt like to be as if they were back in England. The conflict grew because these people sought a new identity - a new vision - their version.

Recall your history of 1776. Embrace for a moment the courage of that time and the sheer terror of the colonialist, particularly those who signed our Declaration of Independence. They faced the penalty of death itself for their act of treason!

If you take seriously, as did the colonialist and the Jews, this call to live beyond the limitations of an oppressive system, **what will become of you?** Let's talk some more about this ... in the meantime, continue to e-mail and write to me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and Let's Talk About It.

Be Careful Around Fireworks!!!

On July 4th, the night the sky illuminates, people gather together and watch the bright explosive displays of the celebration of Independence Day that are presented by professional fireworks display companies.

But those who illegally attempt to capture the excitement of these festivities at home are risking serious injuries, especially to children, noted Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

"Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts and many other states, but each year their illegal use

continues to burn and maim youngsters," LaRoche noted.

According to LaRoche, over 12,000 people are injured by fireworks in this country each year, with the majority of these injuries occurring in a one-month period surrounding the Fourth of July. More than 50 percent of these injuries are to children ages 14 and under.

She said fireworks-related injuries, most of which require immediate medical attention, involve the hands, fingers, eyes, or head and can sometimes result in amputation, blinding, or even death. More than half of fireworks-related injuries involved burns.

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Program On "Cooking With Herbs" To Be Presented At Agawam Garden Club Meeting

So you enjoy the pleasant aromas you get from cooking with herbs. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m., because the Agawam Garden Club topic for the evening is "Cooking With Herbs."

Our guest speaker, Mary Dupuis, will share some of her trade secrets and interesting recipes for cooking with herbs. Find out what the herb of the year is (hint: it's Mary's and Melanie Blackak's favorite). Mary, of West Springfield, has been gardening for over 25 years.

Some of this time was spent raising and selling herbs commercially. Her own recipes and cultivation tips for herbs were featured in the "Herb Lady

Cookbook," which was published by the Massachusetts National Audubon Gift Shop. Mary has conducted numerous workshops at Laughing Brook and for several years, she has been giving seminars to garden clubs, schools groups, Grange members, church groups, and extensions.

The meeting location is the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. Remember, guests are always welcome, so bring your friend.

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JELLY BEAN THE CLOWN will be performing with the Roberts Bros. Circus at the Polish American Club on Thursday, July 8th, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Jelly Bean will also be conducting a free tour of the circus grounds at 9:30 a.m. that same day.

Roberts Bros. Circus Continues Traditions Under The "Big Top"

Years ago, as the first rays of the sun would rise in the east, the colorful circus wagons would start arriving in town. The advance man (known as the 24-hour man, as he was always 24 hours ahead of the show making preparations for circus day) had already marked the field out, so he could have the wagons pull right into place.

As each wagon would park, the big top crew would immediately start unpacking the equipment. Within a very short time, the last wagon was parked and soon afterwards, an entire field was being transformed into a magical wonderland for the day. A little city was being created. Each department had a crew with their own specialized jobs to perform.

As the canvas tents were being spread, crews were putting in the tent stakes while other crews would be getting the poles and rigging ready. By the time the stakes were in the ground, the big top was ready to go in the air.

The animal department was caring for and feeding the animals their morning meal. Tents were being erected as shelters for their stay. Just as a special bond forms between the farmer and his animals, these animals become the trainers' and caretakers' life. They require 24-hour attention, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Many times, the animal handlers and trainers would eat and sleep with their animal companions.

As the other crew were scurrying around, the cooks were preparing breakfast. A major task in itself! The circus would carry a complete portable kitchen. The cookhouse would supply all the meals for the cast and crew. If you ever hear the term "flag's up" at the circus, you'll know it's time to eat.

Breakfast was usually over by the time the ground work for the big top was completed. This way, everyone would be free to help raise the tent. As the crew would insert the poles, the elephants (males and females are called bulls) would pull them up. The guy out crew would tighten the ropes around the outside of the tent. Inside the tent, a crew would be setting the seats. The prop department would be setting up the circus rings and preparing the equipment for the show. The performers would be getting their equipment ready.

By this time, the electricians would have their lights up, cords stretched, and the generators ready to go.

The maintenance department would be making repairs, painting, or building new equipment for different and new acts.

The concession department is preparing for a busy evening. Checking and cleaning the equipment for the evening show. The vendors, or "butchers" as they are called, are required to do extra work, such as setting up the main entrance tent (marquee), sidewall on the tent, and help with the bleacher. Many shows carried side shows that crews would be setting up at the same time as the other tents.

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THE MUSICORDA ROAD COMPANY features young talented musicians from around the world in concert.

The Musicorda Road Company To Perform At The Agawam Senior Center On July 8th

The Musicorda Road Company, the outreach arm of the Musicorda Summer Festival, will perform at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored by *The Agawam Advertiser News* and Bay State Elevator, the event will feature the award-winning young artists in residence at Musicorda's Summer String Program, performing a varied program of string quartet music.

"This exciting event is one for the whole family, including children," said Jacqueline Melnick, administrative director.

"It is a rare opportunity for those who love music to come to an informal concert and simply enjoy the talent of these extraordinary gifted young musicians."

The program is free and open to the public. The Agawam Senior Center is located at 68 Meadowbrook Manor, off of Wright Street off of Main Street. For further information, call the Musicorda office in South Hadley at (413) 538-3040.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053. Thank you!

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Local Writer Individualizes Poems For All Occasions

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

Linda Polhemus has been living in Feeding Hills for about three years, although she lived in Agawam for two years, with a stint away in between. Linda creates specialized poetry for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, or just any special time, as an occupation. She also writes for and is published regularly by some local newspapers.

Linda's poetry holds a reader subtly at a level that many people associate with an early-waking state, when our dreams are still floating around our minds like clouds. In fact, Linda's poem "Dreamers," published in *The Voices of the Valley* column of *Senior Prime Times*, captures that state of mind so completely, we wanted to talk with her.

*"Dreamers leave the world
to travel elsewhere
removed from the black
and gray of responsibility
where the rest are fated
by expectations
and prediction is easy
dreamers sail beyond the reach
of gravity
remembering the last time
they rode on colors
rare and fulsome
with music they could breathe
privileged to know their many senses
were but one
and that the end and the beginning
are the same
groaning at the sadness of return
when the ground comes into view
are they sage
or merely sad
is their vision or flight?"*

Linda has been published on a regular basis by both *Senior Prime Times* and *Springfield Journal*, and she once was printed in a national journal, "Nocturnal Lyrics." Since the age of 12, she has written poetry. She received a college scholarship by winning an essay contest put on by Random House Dictionary about "What I think a college education can do for me."

While attending the University of Massachusetts and working toward a degree in psychology, Linda wrote "a lot of good lyrics for would-be songs." She was asked by Stavros to volunteer time with a quadriplegic girl. (Stavros is an Independent Living Center which advocates disabled people who want to become self-sufficient.) Unable to use her hands, the disabled girl would speak a poem, and Linda would write it down for her. It was this girl who inspired Linda to get her own poetry published.

Founded Keepsake Poems In 1988...

While regularly creating submissions for the local newspapers, Linda has been the powerhouse behind Keepsake Poems, which she founded in 1988. With her major in psychology and training as a mediator, she would succeed in pulling thoughts from other people in order to create their individualized poems.

"When two of my friends were getting married, I interviewed them separately and composed their poem. When I read it at the reception, it brought everyone in the wedding party to tears, including husky football players. It was then that I decided to turn my hobby into an avocation."

Not long after this experience, Linda established Keepsake Poems and now writes for weddings (for the ceremony, the invitations, or sometimes both). She also writes "custom poetry from your heart and my pen" for graduations, birthdays, and



LINDA POLHEMUS

many other special occasions. Every poem is personalized poetry.

As Linda writes a poem, the thought seems to "come to her," almost from "outside" of her. Some idea occurs to her in the car perhaps, and it won't go away until she writes it down. She can later "fill it in," completing the poem. After this, she feels calm and peaceful, and a certain sort of pride comes over her, but a humble pride, unlike conceit.

She likens capturing a moment with words to taking a photo that recreates a moment and transfers it to another person. She writes because "she has to." Writing is catharsis for Linda and her work is definitely original. And with "Dreamers" as an example of her talent and style, her work must indeed transform events into very special moments.

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Usually by noon, the tents were all set, the rigging and props were ready for the evening show. Dinner was in the oven in the cookhouse. The animals were fed and relaxing. The 24-hour man was off to tomorrow's show grounds. The crew is resting. The performers might be catching up on laundry or doing their daily shopping.

As the circus mainly plays throughout the summer months, most of the children attend public schools all winter and home school for the time missed in the spring and fall. Circus children usually take their education very seriously and receive a high grade point average. After school, the children spend their day playing, sightseeing, doing chores, or practicing tricks for acts that they may someday perform themselves.

Today's circuses, although modernized, haven't changed all that much. The Roberts Bros. Circus is a three-ring circus. "Under the big top, where it's most fun!" This is a family-owned and operated business that has been touring the United States since 1974. Audiences look forward to their return again and again. The reasonable prices, colorful wardrobe, cleanliness of the personnel, care given to the animals, excitement of live entertainment, smell of the popcorn, and the atmosphere are only some of the reasons why people come. The main reason for all of us, from two to 102, is to be a child again and enjoy the magic of the circus.

The circus will be held on THURSDAY, JULY 8th with show times at 5:30 and 7:30, at THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB GROUNDS at 139 SOUTHWICK ST. A free tour of the grounds is offered at 9:30 a.m. circus day.

*Because it will be closed on
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Education

Agawam Students Graduate From Assumption College

The following Agawam students recently graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA:

Michelle K. Hebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Hebert of 5 Fernwood Drive, was awarded a degree in Social and Rehabilitation Services; and **Lauren L. Seymour**, daughter of Mr. Paul Seymour of 81 North Street, was awarded a degree in Biology with Concentration in Biotechnol, Magna Cum Laude.

Assumption College is a Catholic, liberal arts and sciences college founded in 1904. Besides its Humanities programs, Assumption is also widely recognized in the Northeast region for its Business, Education, and Social Rehabilitation programs.

Assumption College is ranked in the top tier of Northern College and Universities in the United States by *U.S. News and World Report*. The college has more than 17,000 alumni who hold prominent positions regionally, nationally, and internationally, in the areas of law, medicine, politics, social justice, public policy, and education.

Fleming Sisters On Dean's List At Assumption College

Melissa Fleming and **Stephanie L. Fleming**, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fleming of 95 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, have been named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA, for the spring 1999 semester.

Melissa is in the class of 2000 and intends to major in Spanish. Stephanie is in the class of 2002.

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Junior High Students Attend "Summit"...



ON JUNE 9TH, eight students from Agawam Junior High School attended the Peacemaker's Summit at Hampshire College in Amherst. The students (who are all trained in peer mediation and conflict resolution) attended workshops to enhance their mediation and communication skills. They had an opportunity to meet other mediators from around Western Massachusetts and hear about programs in other schools. The Junior High has successfully mediated six cases this year, dealing with issues of fighting, rumors, and relationship issues. From left to right: Frank Bond, Sara Dorans, Alicia Linder, Kassie Santinello, Brittany Taylor, Johanna Masotti, Stephanie Aversa, and Tom Gorman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Marquiss Family Proud Of Daughters' College Achievements

Gina Marie Marquiss of 3E Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam recently graduated from American International College with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She has also accepted a position at Hartford Hospital in the Cardiac Unit.

Her sister, Tara Marquiss, attends Westfield State College and majors in Psychology. She recently made the Dean's List and has a GPA of 3.5. She will graduate next year and go on to pursue a Master's degree in Psychology.

Proud parents are Harry and Debra Marquiss. Grandparents are Mrs. Marie Andruss of 16 Liberty St., Agawam and the late Robert Andruss.

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Ian T. Lane Earns Dean's List At Springfield College

Ian T. Lane of 18 Arrowood Drive, Agawam, has been placed on the Dean's List at Springfield College for the spring semester.

Ian is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School and the Western Mass. track champ in the high hurdles.

While at Springfield, he participated in the same event as a member of the track team. Over the summer, Ian is working for the D.E.M. full-time and part-time at American Eagle.

He is the son of Debra Curtis of Agawam and Thomas Lane of Connecticut.

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New STCC Student Erin O'Sullivan Wins Scholarship

Three incoming freshmen at Springfield Technical Community College were among 15 recent high school graduates recognized with the first Technical Achievement Awards from the Massachusetts Telecommunications Council (MTC). These \$2,000 scholarships were presented on June 14th at an awards ceremony held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Among the recipients was **Erin O'Sullivan** of Feeding Hills, a graduate of Agawam High School.

The scholarships are part of the MTC's overall vision to ensure that a steady stream of superior, highly-trained talent is available to Massachusetts' rapidly expanding telecommunications industry. The recipients will be entering technical degree programs at Bay State colleges and universities including Amherst College, UMass, Tufts University, Middlesex CC, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Northeastern University, Harvard University, MIT, and STCC.

After successful completion of their freshman year, these scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to apply for an internship at one of the MTC member companies. The Mass Telecom Council represents more than 300 corporate members in Massachusetts.

Awards were granted based on academic achievement and extracurricular activities. Additional criteria required that students be among the top 20 percent of their graduating class, hold at least one leadership position, be involved in technical curricular and extracurricular activities throughout high school, and be nominated by a high school principal.

Eric Giler, president of Brooktrout Technology Inc. and chairman of MTC, said, "Demand for talent is increasing. Given the industry's potential, as well as our overall mission, we believe it is critically important that the MTC do as much as possible to nurture the education and aspirations of the future labor force of our industry."

Flag Day Celebration At James Clark School

On Monday, June 14th, the James Clark students and staff joined together for an all-school Flag Day and awards celebration.

Several of the classrooms entertained the others with poems and songs honoring our flag. Mayor Johnson was on hand to present the Student Council Awards to the third- and fourth-graders. The Student Council vice-president, Danny Geiger, then presented the Mayor with a plaque thanking him for his work in education and helping with the expansion of the Clark School.

Each classroom then was given an award for an area that the teacher designated. All students, grades pre-kindergarten through third grade, were given "I am Special" buttons. The fourth-graders were given "Super Star" buttons.

Principal Sandra Howard acknowledged the efforts of all of the Clark School students and staff and praised them for working successfully as a team throughout the year.

Following the ceremony, there was a brunch sponsored by the PTO to thank all of the parent volunteers who had participated in activities at Clark School for the 1998-99 academic year.

The staff also thanked Jack Devine for his WONDERFUL work as a photographer for *The Agawam Advertiser News*. He has treated our school well, and he will be missed by the parents, teachers, and students when he retires in August.

The Clark School Flag Day ceremony has become an annual event that recognizes the Clark School family and their achievements.

Lynn A. Agrapides Attains Dean's List At Fitchburg State

President Michael P. Riccards of Fitchburg State College has announced that Lynn A. Agrapides of Agawam achieved the Dean's List for the spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full-time.

Agrapides is 1999 graduate of Fitchburg State College, having received a Bachelor of Arts in English/Professional Writing during the college's recently held commencement.

Keeping The "Library Lad" Company...



EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS Allison Siedlick, Drew Wynne, and Kevin Borgatti wanted to make a sculpture to accompany "Library Lad" (the mascot of the Junior High Library, made by students in 1974). Mrs. Debbie Florek, their art teacher, helped them create a life-sized girl — complete with overalls, earrings, and sneakers — to keep "Library Lad" company. Their gift to the library is very much appreciated. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Parks/Rec. Dept. Names Michelle Ferreira As New Director Of Perry Lane Nursery School

This fall, children at Perry Lane Nursery School will see a familiar face as the new Nursery School Director.

Michelle Ferreira has been hired as the new Director for the 1999-2000 school year. Michelle has been with Perry Lane since 1993, when she started as a volunteer.

Since then, she has worked as a teacher's aide, a teacher, and the Interim Director this past spring. Michelle will work this summer planning the curriculum and beginning school year activities before the children return this fall.

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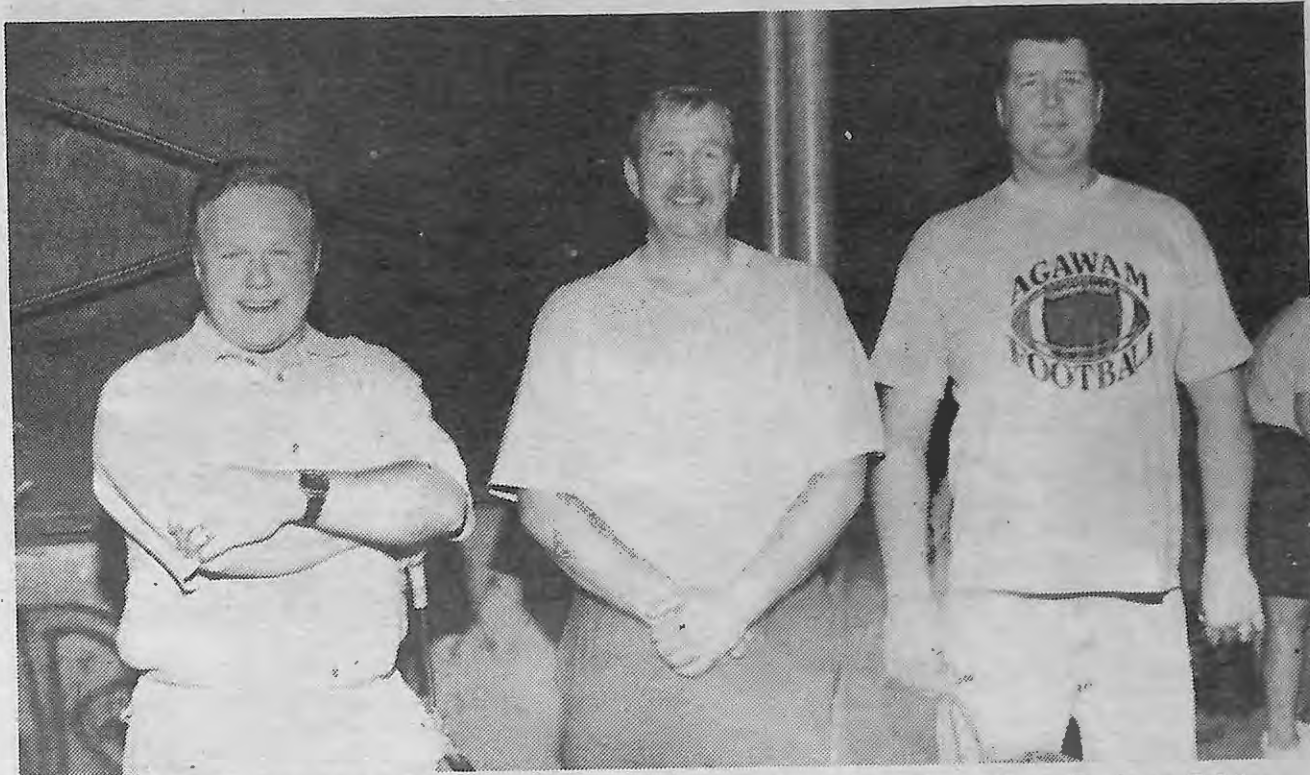
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Granger Holds Picnic At Perry Lane...



GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL held its annual picnic at Perry Lane Park on Friday, June 4th. Students and their families enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers, followed by make-your-own ice cream sundaes. Among the "Granger Dads" were Bob Magnolia, Steve Savard, and Glen Lafontaine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KATHLEEN CRISTELLI is about to enjoy her lunch at Granger's annual picnic at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



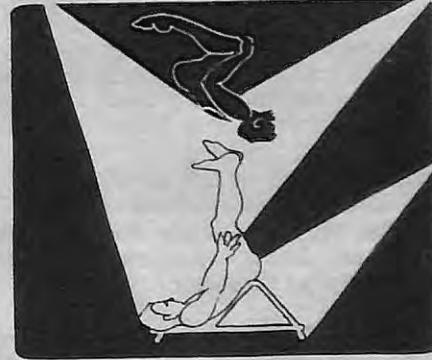
"WE'RE READY FOR OUR ICE CREAM!!!!": Patti Lapinski, Brianna Newton, Jacqueline Lapinski, Jillian Newton, and Meagan O'Neil at Granger's annual picnic, held at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam High School Guidance News

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Dept.

Summer!!!

Ah, blessed summer!!! Just the sound of the word makes me smile. It is a time to renew, to refresh, to be lazy, to soak up the sun, and to do all those things I didn't have time to do during the school year. Of course, I never really do all the things I think that I am going to do, but I think about them and have good intentions.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who have read my columns and have taken time to seek me out or call me on the phone to let me know how you felt about an article. You and your children are truly my best teachers. You have made me more aware of feelings, of listening, of the problems we face and of the biggy ... just being human. For this, I am grateful. I have enjoyed working with so many of you and have rejoiced in your victories.

Now that summer is here, I hope that you will be able to take some deep breaths, look around, really see what's there, take stock of yourselves and your children, and just exalt in being. Somehow during the summer, the pace seems to become a little slower and our minds become a little sharper. I guess this is because we are able to take a little time out, smell the roses, and not clutter our heads with too much. In other words, we are not on overload.

Do enjoy the summer. Do make time for yourselves; give yourselves time to recharge. Believe me, if you are not able to get to everything on your "to do list," the things will wait for you and be there in the fall.

For now, I wish you joy, I wish your health, I wish you peace. I'll be back in the fall with new thoughts to share.

AIC Awards Degrees To Area Students

American International College President Harry J. Courniotes awarded 476 degrees at the College's 114th Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 23rd, at the Springfield Civic Center.

During the ceremony, a honorary doctor of humane letters was also awarded to Michael J. Ashe, Jr., Sheriff of Hampden County. Ashe's is the long-serving sheriff in the Commonwealth, and has presided over the jail for 25 years.

Among the students who received their degrees were the following area residents:

From Agawam...

Robert Bardwell, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Administration; **Jennifer Dunn**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **Cynthia Fontanilles**, daughter of Virginia and Robert Fontanilles, Bachelor of Science in Psychology; **Karen Horniak**, daughter of Janet Davies and the late David Davies, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **Michelle Larrivee**, wife of Jeffrey Masse, Master of Education in Secondary Education; **Gina Marquiss**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **Amy Modzelewski**, Master of Education in Special Education; **Starla Prince-Henry**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **Thomas Reilly**, son of Patricia Reilly, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; **Michele Walker**, Master of Arts in Human Resource Development; **Carol Szoka**, wife of Ronald Szoka, Master of Education in Secondary Education; and **Daniel Vargas**, son of Israel Vargas, Bachelor of Science in Sociology.

From Feeding Hills...

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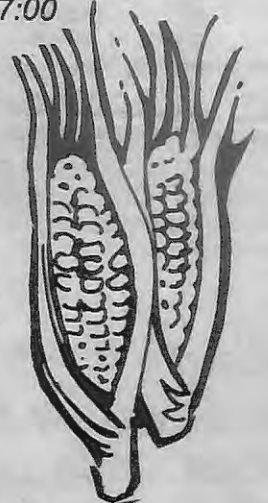
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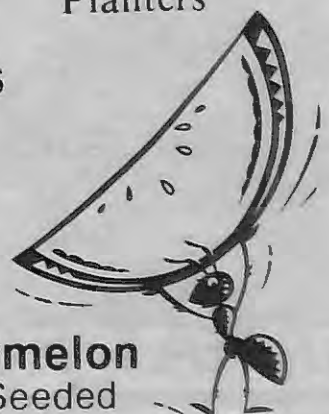
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Clark Students Learn Some "Horse Sense"...



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Joel L. Cummings Graduates From Lesley College

Lesley College is pleased to announce that Joel L. Cummings of 60 Kirkland Street, son of Robert and Violet Cummings of Feeding Hills, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management at the school's May 24th commencement ceremony.

While attending Lesley, Cummings served as the Springfield & Longmeadow Class Representative and is currently active as an Advisor and Recruiter for Lesley College's Master of Science Program.

Cummings is currently employed as a Systems Engineer and Programmer at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, Connecticut.

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Because it will be closed on Monday, July 5th, The AAN will be open until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 2nd, in order to receive articles, press releases, etc., prior to the holiday weekend.

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KATHARINE F. THEROUX

Katharine F. Theroux Accepted For Fall Term At Assumption

Assumption College of Worcester is pleased to announce that Katherine F. Theroux has been accepted for the fall term.

Katharine is a June graduate of Agawam High School. She is the daughter of Richard and Carol Theroux of 30 Ley Street.

Assumption College, founded in 1904, is dedicated to providing students with the finest Catholic, liberal arts education.



ANTHONY ROSE

Anthony Rose Graduates From Bryant College

Anthony Rose of Feeding Hills graduated on May 22nd from Bryant College, located in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

At Bryant, Rose maintained the Dean's List and was President of Tau Kappa Epsilon in 1999.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance and a communication minor.

Rose is starting his career as a Portfolio Accountant at State Street Corporation, and will be residing in North Attleboro, MA.

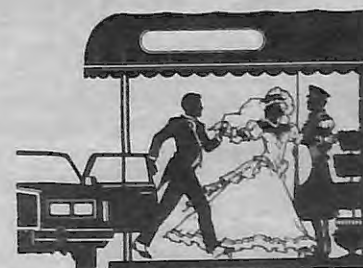
Stephen K. Bodurtha Receives Bachelor's Degree From Bowdoin

Stephen Kent Bodurtha of Agawam, an Economics and Government major, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*, Saturday, May 29th, at Bowdoin College during its 194 Commencement Exercises.

Bowdoin President Robert H. Edwards presented the diploma.

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Area Pupils Earn Honor Roll Status At Saint Thomas

Sr. Lillian Reilly, principal of Saint Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield, has announced that the following students residing in Agawam and Feeding Hills have attained the school's fourth-quarter honor roll:

FIRST HONORS

Grade six - Elizabeth Barker, Jessica Pokora.

SECOND HONORS

Grade eight - Paul Lagasse.

Grade seven - Katherine Forbes, Elizabeth Leon.

Grade six - Timothy Welch.

Grade five - Kaitlyn Chase, Diana Forbes.

THIRD HONORS

Grade eight - Stephanie Bradford, Mary Elizabeth Jamroz, Kevin Welch.

Grade seven - Michael Audette, Ashley Velosky.

Grade six - Alan Gallerani, Jeffrey Lagasse, Danielle Poggi, Adam Rhodes.

Grade five - Anthony Ardolino.

Locals Attain Honor Roll At St. Mary's School

The following students from Agawam and Feeding Hills have been named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter at St. Mary's School in Longmeadow, Massachusetts:

GRADE 8, HIGH HONORS

Karen Prisby.

GRADE 8, HONORS

Angela DeCosmo.

GRADE 6, HIGH HONORS

Thomas DeCosmo.

GRADE 6, HONORS

Mark DaSilva, Jillian Joyce.

GRADE 5, HIGH HONORS

Michael Prisby.

GRADE 5, HONORS

Cathryn Joyce.

GRADE 4, HIGH HONORS

Brielle Beaudette.

Local Students Earn Degrees From Boston University

At its recently held commencement ceremony, Boston University awarded academic degrees to 5,071 students. Among the graduates were the following local students:

Heather A. Chichakly of Agawam, Bachelor of Science in Communication; Stephen R. Cincotta, Jr. of Agawam, Bachelor of Arts in Economics (magna cum laude); and Jaime L. Brodeur of Feeding Hills, Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges. The University offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

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Recreation Dept. Announces Perry Lane Pool Schedule

The Perry Lane pool is now open from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This weekday schedule will be in effect until Friday, August 27th.

The pool will also be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. now through August 29th.

Daily pool passes are available at the pool. The passes are \$1 for adults and children age six and older and 50 cents per person for children age five and younger.

People are reminded that floatation devices are not allowed in the pool and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



DAN BARBER

Dan Barber Placed On Spring Dean's List At MCLA

Dr. Ashim Basu, vice president of academic affairs at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), is pleased to announce that Agawam resident Dan Barber, a junior majoring in psychology and English/communications, has been placed on the Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor List, matriculated students must be enrolled in six or more credit courses, attain a grade point average of 3.25 or better and have no incomplete grades. A total of 442 MCLA students were named to the Dean's List this past spring.

In addition to being named to the Dean's List, Barber, the son of John and Nancy Barber of Agawam, was also recently elected MCLA Student Government Association (SGA) President for the 1999-2000 school year and received the 1999 Community Service Award, as voted on by his peers. MCLA takes pride in Dan's numerous accomplishments and wishes him continued success in the year to come.

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Sports

Drafted By Buffalo Sabres...

Doug Janik Could Very Well Call His Shots In The NHL

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Very rarely in life do any of us experience the luxury of having it both ways. Most of what many get is through hard work and a certain belief in ourselves. So it was last weekend with Agawam's Doug Janik, the University of Maine soon-to-be sophomore who was drafted in the second round by the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres.

He went in that NHL draft as the 55th pick overall. Some saw that as an unfair deal to a kid who has been an all-star everywhere he's been, who is a member in more than good standing of a national champion team, who has a legitimate ticket punched for the NHL.

If you know anything about hockey, you have to know what number 55 means. Doug, 19, said it best, "The draft means you are picked as a player from every junior league in the United States, Canada, and Europe."

What we can say is this. He enters the elite of every young hockey player on this planet. (At 6'1", 220 pounds, he was the 16th defenseman to be

chosen in the world.) But, there's more. The Sabres, in their wisdom, will allow Doug to go back to Maine this fall. And that is where he'll have the best of both worlds - a chance to further his education and a chance to become what the Sabres know he can become - bigger, faster, and stronger.

The Right Choice

Doug said it this way: "Many of the guys drafted this time around won't be playing for a National Hockey League team. They still have to put in their time. The Sabres will be watching me. I made the right choice, just like they did."

Then he elaborated, "The National Hockey League is a very difficult place. As a defenseman, I'm going to be right in the middle of a lot of tough action. I'm going to be hit and hit. When the time is right and it's my time to enter the NHL, the Sabres are going to get what they bargained for as far as it goes for me."

Last weekend, Doug was at the Fleet Center in Boston with his family for the draft. "It was a great time. I met some of the guys I'd played against and with in my career. There were so many outstanding players there." Then he added, "You know, I wasn't intimidated by them. I was excited. I felt myself, in their presence, becoming totally focused."

We had a question that had to be asked - you go back to Maine and maybe you get injured? "I don't even think about that. In my 15 years of playing hockey, I had a clavicle injury and an ankle sprain. No, worrying about things like that doesn't even come into the picture," Doug said, in the classic defenseman's response.

Then he told us something even better. When he and the Sabres are ready to start talking a deal, numbers and dollars will be hammered out. "I know that is going to happen. I'll get the best deal I can. I'm going to take care of a lot of people when numbers are finally set in stone."

Doug's parents, Doug and Ellen Janik, both AHS Class of 1973 members, and his two sisters, Carrie and Amanda, were at the Fleet Center, joining in the festivities. The family also went out to California to watch UMaine win the National Championship. "That was such a thrilling experience for our family," Ellen said.

Doug Sr. was a standout goalie at AHS who went on to play at UMass.

Several of Doug's current and former coaches attended the Fleet Center festivities. They included his Jr. Whalers coach, well-known local hockey celeb Gary Dineen; Grant Stanbrook and Jene Reilly from the UMass Black Bears; and Doug's first coach, Lincoln Flagg of the Jr. Pics program



JANIK: Ready for action on the ice for UMaine.

who is also a close family friend.

When asked if she was satisfied that Doug was doing the right thing by going back to Maine, Ellen didn't hesitate. "Doug is the type of kid who knows where he's headed."

Doug is headed right now to Lake Placid as a member of the United States National team. He'll be back up at Maine on August 25th.

It will be nice to go along for the ride with him.



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1999 Baseball Review...

After Slow Start, AHS Ends Season On A High Note

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was indeed a banner year for the Agawam High School boys' baseball team - a final record of 17-7, a Valley League title, and a Western Mass. Division I crown, their second in four years. Varsity baseball Coach Pete Clark, in his second year at the helm, saw his overall record rise to 32-13, including a 3-2 slate in the playoffs.

However, if you saw the team early in the season, it probably looked as though they were going someplace next to nowhere. The coach agreed his club staggered at the start. After nine games, they were 4-5, a record not conducive to a championship season.

Then, in a major turnaround, they took off like greyhounds with their tails on fire, winning eight games in a row and 11 of their last 13. Agawam's final regular season record was 14-6 and good enough for a fourth seed in the Western Mass. Tournament. They went 3-0 in the playoffs, beating defending Western Mass. champion Pittsfield, 9-7, in the finals at steamy Wahconah Park. St. John's of Shrewsbury defeated the Brownies, 18-3 in the state semi-finals. Agawam went 13-2 in the their final 14 games.

Mid-Season Transformation

"I think we had to learn what it took to win," Clark said of the team's dramatic mid-season transformation. "They knew they could compete. They found out the only way to do it was as a unit, and some close games went our way," he added.

According to the coach, the kids came to like and respect each other. "It became a case not of what each one could do for himself, but what they could do for the team. That made the difference," he said.

Clark dismissed any notion that he coached differently during the win streak and in the playoffs. "I stayed with the same philosophy I've always tried to sell the kids, the three I's - intensity, integrity, and intimacy."

The kids also worked hard, which seems to be a cliché every successful coach will tell you. But, Clark was referring not only to his starters, but everyone down the line. "We had 15 kids on the same page in the end. They worked hard and all got into the lineup because of their work ethic. In the playoffs, we brought up three from the junior varsity, for a total roster of 18, and still everyone worked just as hard."

The kids also listened to the coaching staff and assimilated what advice and instructions they tendered, according to Clark. "Getting them to believe in the coaches was a big step."

The team had the best offense, statistically, in the league last season. This year, they had a team batting average of .277, scored six runs a game, and gave up 4.5 runs. When the year began, the coach knew they could score once more.

The hitters were led by junior Brian St. Jean, .410, two HR's, 16 RBI, .648 slugging percentage, 10 stolen bases; sophomore third baseman Tony LeClair, .394, 5 HR's, 26 RBI's, with a slugging percentage of .740; and senior DH Kevin Mattson, .361, 1 HR, 17 RBI's, .542 slugging percentage.

Junior centerfielder Scott Harlin led the team in at-bats (87) from his leadoff position, hit .333, and swiped a team-leading 13 bases. Another junior, rightfielder Brian Chechile batted .310.

Clark also knew another strong point would be on the mound. And it was. Brian St. Jean went 6-1 with 72 strikeouts and a 2.59 ERA in 57 innings. Senior captain Dave Federico had a 3-3 record. The surprise of the staff was sophomore Ben Lapins, who went 4-2 in 41½ innings with 41 strikeouts and a 3.95 ERA. He won two games in the Western Mass. Tournament.

There was some concern about the defense behind the pitching. But, all in all, they did a good job, according to the coach.

Five Named To All-League

The Brownies also placed five players on the All-League team - St. Jean, LeClair, Mattson, Harlin, and shortstop Mike Carney. The All-Western Mass. squad hasn't yet been announced at this writing, but the coach hopes some of his kids will make that team, as well.

The team graduated six seniors. But, the nucleus coming back (LeClair, St. Jean, Lapins, Harlin) should make Agawam a force in Western Mass. baseball for the foreseeable future. Plus, there are some talented kids on the junior varsity ready to step up, including Aaron Gilbert, Joe Manfredi, and Mark Barcomb, Clark said.



THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE BROWNIES — the Western Massachusetts Division I baseball champs for the 1999 season. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Coach Pete Clark (far left) and captain Dave Federico receive the Western Mass. plaque. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Tony LeClair, Kevin Mattson, and Brian St. Jean made valuable contributions to the team this year. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

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Profile...

Whatever She Was Called Upon To Do, Jessica Montagna Did It For AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The recently graduated Jessica Montagna was a many-faceted role player for the Agawam High School girls' softball team. She's a kid who could catch, play the infield or the outfield, or whenever she was called upon to do so. Recently, Jessica took some time out to talk about her days as a Brownie.

Jessica is 17. Her 18th birthday will roll around on September 22nd. She spent all four years of her secondary education at AHS. Her final semester saw her take algebra II, English, advanced chemistry, and child development. Jessica was a many-time member of the honor roll and made the Renaissance Club as a senior. English was her favorite course. English instructor Rosemary Stratton was her top teacher.

This fall, Jessica will attend Wheelock College in Boston, where she'll pursue a degree in elementary education.

Softball was her sport at Agawam High School. She played two years on the varsity, where she was a co-captain as a senior. She has two memorable schoolgirl sports moments; last year's Western Mass. Division I crown and beating West Springfield this season, 5-2 in the team's second-to-last game. "They beat us the first time and we just had to repay the compliment. Any time we beat West Side in anything, it's memorable," she smiled.

Jessica's take on her final season of softball: All of us had fun. Playing for Coach (Debbie) Lickley was a highlight for me. She taught us class and pride. My teammates became my best friends. I'm not disappointed with how things turned out all at (AHS lost in the quarter-finals)."

Jessica's favorite food is salad, with a good Italian dressing. "I've always liked that type of food. It's healthy and has always tasted good to



JESSICA MONTAGNA

me," she explained.

Purple is her color of choice. "I don't wear many things that are purple. The color itself attracts me, though," she said.

A 1999 Volkswagon Jetta would be her car.

Jessica didn't hesitate when asked about her favorite athletes. "Cal Ripkin of the Baltimore Orioles," she said, then added, "For my graduation present, my parents got tickets to an Orioles game at Camden Yards for later on this season. So, we'll be going down there to watch him play."

Jessica likes to kick back at her house. "I invite my friends over and we just relax and have fun," she said.

She buys her clothes at American Eagle, noting that the price is right and they suit her taste - something comfortable and good-looking.

Jessica says she likes just about anything in music. Sarah MacLaughlin is her favorite artist.

"Felicity" tops the tube for her.

"Field of Dreams" is her favorite flick.

Al is her dad. Linda is her mom. She has an older sister, Melissa (21), who is an AHS graduate. She has 15 year-old twin brothers, Thomas and Richard, both going into their sophomore years. Thomas plays golf. Richard wrestles.

Jessica looks up to her parents. "They have always supported me in everything I do," she said.

Now that it's over, Jessica hopes she'll be remembered at Agawam High School as "a team player who never got down on myself and tried as hard as I could all the time."

Coach Lickley had this to say: "Jessica knew she was a role player. She worked hard and understood that her contributions were for the good of the program. She put her teammates first and because of those things, Jessica was a very good captain for us."

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, July 5th. We will
reopen on Tuesday, July 6th, at 6:30 a.m. — AAN!!!**

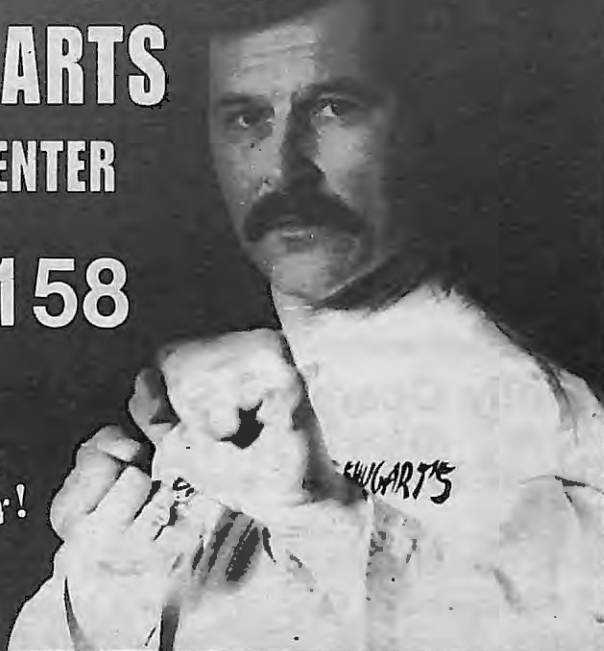
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Agawam Cheerleaders Hold Banquet...



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S varsity cheerleading coach, Kim Hebert (center), with senior captains Michelle Beaudette and Cathy Dickinson.

Fitness First Slates Vicki Sleeper Golf Tournament

On Saturday, July 17th, Fitness First will hold its seventh Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Beginnings Woman's Shelter in Westfield. The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a ticket for the giant raffle. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so interested persons should register early.

Fitness First still has some openings for hole and tee sponsors at \$50 each (includes signage). Interested businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or tee should contact Denise Moffatt at Fitness First.

Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. Dinner will be served under the tent at Shaker around 7:00 p.m.

Applications are available at Fitness First in Feeding Hills and Nevada Bob's in West Springfield. If you would like to sponsor a tee or green or have an application sent/faxed to you, please call Fitness First at 786-1460.

Lisa Ziegert Golf Tournament & Family Picnic On July 4th

The annual Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 4th, at the Agawam Country Club. The tournament will be followed by a family picnic at the VFW on South Street in Agawam, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Donation for the picnic is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids (ages five and under are free).

The proceeds will benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund, which was founded shortly after her death. The fund is used to provide scholarships and to purchase school equipment such as computers, instruments, books, etc., for students in the Agawam school system.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the golf tournament should call Rick Brignoli at 786-2098 or Shelley Borgatti-Reed at 786-4960. Picnic tickets will be sold at the door.

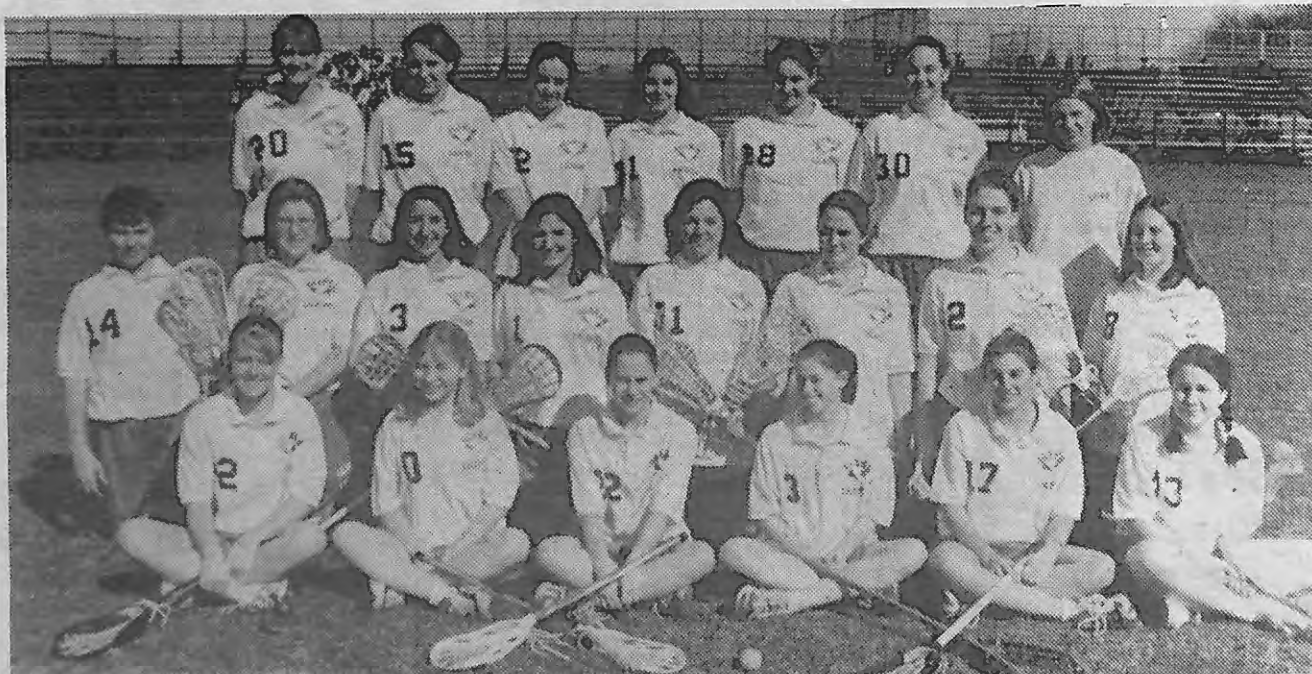


AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S 1998-1999 junior varsity cheerleading team with JV coaches Melissa Almquist and Donna Bodurtha at the recently held annual banquet.



VARSITY COACH KIM HEBERT (back row, center) with the members of Agawam High School's 1998-1999 varsity cheerleading team.

The 1999 Girls' Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team



BACK ROW: Lucy Young, Lindsey Jeserski, Erin Corbin, Katie Feato, Kyleigh Egan, Monica Davilli, and Coach Katie Berry. MIDDLE ROW: Danielle Welner, Stephanie Knodler, Becca Nacewicz, Sara Gregory, Sarah Ritter, Melissa Jubinville, Kara Gilhooly, and Courtney Nowill. FRONT ROW: Katie Chmura, Erin Gloster, Alyson Nowill, Jenna Shea, Laurie Halpy, and Kara Dominic. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In Bay West Bantam "A"...

Avalanche Completes Season At Tourney & With Championship

Hartford Courant/Enfield Eagles Invitational Tournament

The Bay West Avalanche participated in the Hartford Courant/Enfield Eagles Invitational Tournament March 24th through 28th. In this tournament, Bay West played teams from Enfield, New Haven, South Boston, and Hingham. These teams provided Bay West with excellent competition.

The Avalanche rose to the occasion and completed the round robin portion of the tournament with a record of 2-1, with wins over Enfield and New Haven and a loss to South Boston in a very close game. The Avalanche qualified for the semi-finals and played Hingham on Sunday morning. This proved to be an excellent game in which Bay West fell behind by two goals for the second game in a row.

On Saturday, the Avalanche fell behind New Haven, 2-0, in the first period and came back to score three goals in the second period and went on to win 3-2. On Sunday, Bay West again fell behind 2-0 in the first period and came back to tie the game by the end of the third period.

Early in the third period, Hingham moved ahead again and, with seconds left in the third period, Bay West pulled their goalie and stormed the Hingham zone, scoring the equalizer with only seconds remaining in regulation and forcing a sudden-death overtime period.

Both teams traded scoring chances as the play moved from end to end in a very exciting period. However, due to the tiebreaker rules in this tournament, Bay West had to defeat Hingham in order to advance. The overtime ended without any score, and the game ended 3-3.

Hingham won the tiebreaker by allowing one less goal during the tournament than Bay West. Nonetheless, this was an excellent effort for this team against some very competitive teams.

GSL Championship

The Bay West Avalanche completed the 1998-99 season by qualifying for the GSJHL (Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey League) Bantam "A" lower division championship game, played at the Springfield Civic Center on Wednesday, March 31st, against Amherst. This game proved to be a capsule view of the team's entire season.

In the first period, Bay West scored the first goal of the game from Mike Kosinski to go ahead 1-0, only to see Amherst come back with two goals to take lead, 2-1 (the second goal coming with 13 seconds remaining in the first period). Amherst scored another goal midway through the second period to open a two-goal advantage after two periods.

All season, Bay West has shown the ability to fight back after falling behind early in the game. This game would be another example of this team's "never say die" attitude. Early in the second period, Mike Kosinski scored his second goal of the game to bring Bay West to within one goal. A short time later, Jeff Trauschke scored his first of two goals to tie the game at three apiece.

Amherst then came right back and scored to take a 4-3 lead. Again, Bay West was playing from behind and, as time ticked away, the team picked up the tempo and began to press in the Amherst zone. After some strong saves by Avalanche goalie Andre Postell and strong defensive play from

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THE BAY WEST AVALANCHE after winning the GSJHL (Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey League) Bantam "A" lower division championship game.

Mike Perron, Andy Pevlin, Ben Crum, and Mike Dupuis, Bay West started to force the play and tied the score on Jeff Trauschke's second goal of the game.

The third period ended in a 4-4 tie and set the stage for a sudden-death overtime period. Throughout the first three periods, the Avalanche kept coming back with strong efforts from Robbie Brodeur, Justin Vanasse, Dan Beauchemin, George Palanjain, and Mike Coughlin at both ends of the ice.

As the overtime period began, Bay West found themselves down to three defensemen as Mike Dupuis injured his hip near the end of the third period. However, everyone stepped up and carried the play to Amherst. With some strong play in the neutral zone and on the blue line, Bay West was able to keep pressure in the Amherst zone.

As the Avalanche "buzzed" around the Amherst goal, Mike Kosinski picked up a loose puck off a shot from Mike Coughlin in front of the Amherst net and put a shot past the Amherst goalie for the game-winner (his third goal of the game), thus giving Bay West the championship.

Season Recap

This team began the season in October playing in a very competitive Bantam "A" division, with a goal of at least playing .500 hockey. They entered the District Six state playdowns and won the "Open Division." In November, they played in the State Bantam Open Division Tournament in

Marlboro and advanced to the semi-final game, losing to an excellent Cambridge team who went on to win the state title.

After a good start in both the playdowns and the evaluation portion of the season, the team began to stumble a little as the regular season began. We lost some players through the course of the season due to injuries and for other reasons which contributed to some difficult times on the ice.

However, this team never lost its spirit and, although its confidence wavered at times, it never gave up. Its players always showed a great desire to work hard and, in the end, that desire came through. As a result of their "heart and determination," they finished the season with a 21-19-7 record and as champions of the Bantam "A" lower division.

On behalf of the coaches (Howie Pevlin, Connie Kosinski, Todd Petros, and Dave Vanasse), a big thanks goes out to the coaches' wives and all the parents for their support in good times and difficult times. Also, we would like to give a special thanks to Val Beauchemin for an excellent job as our team rep.

And, of course, a special salute to the players: Mike Perron, Mike Dupuis, Andy Pevlin, Ben Crum, Mike Petros, Andre Postell, Mike Kosinski, John Tisdell, Robbie Brodeur, Justin Vanasse, George Palanjain, Mike Coughlin, Jeff Trauschke, and Dan Beauchemin.



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Youth Soccer

Cobras Win Pioneer Valley Div. I Title

The Agawam Cobra team, coached by Denny Marr, finished its fourth consecutive undefeated season in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.

This under 12 girls' team has not only taken the regular season title this spring, but also won the post-season tournament played this past weekend by defeating Palmer, 7-0, in the semifinal and topping Ludlow in an overtime final, 1-0.

After losing fullback Meghan Pokorny to a knee injury and Leeann Morytko (unable to attend), Cobras Kelly Follis, Amy Lownds, Tiffany Manzi, and Kara Powell helped fill the fullback position.

The Cobras represented the Pioneer Valley in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions played at UMass in Amherst on June 26th and 27th. The 18 young ladies that make up this very successful team have worked hard to ensure that they continue to stay on top of their competition every season.

The Cobra defense is continuously strong every year, led by goalkeepers Stacy Boisvert and Jamie Cullen. Rounding out the defense are players Elizabeth Barker, Lauren Fox, Leeann Morytko, Lauren Peltier, and Megan Pokorny. In the mid-field, the Cobras control the action with players Heather Albano, Julie Czuprynski, Elise Davilli, Kelly Follis, Amy Lownds, and Kara Powell. Players Theresa Bonavita, Danielle Glantz, Jessica Lalli, Tiffany Manzi, and Jessica Pokora led the offense.



MEMBERS OF THE "COBRAS": front row — Stacy Boisvert; middle row — Danielle Glantz, Tiffany Manzi, Jamie Cullen, Lauren Peltier, Elise Davilli, Lauren Fox, Theresa Bonavita, and Heather Albano; back row — Elizabeth Barker, Julie Czuprynski, Amy Lownds, Jessica Lalli, Kelly Follis, Kara Powell, and Jessica Pokora. (Missing from photo: Meghan Pokorny and Leeann Morytko.)

Agawam Lightning Ends Spring Soccer Season At 11-1-2

The Agawam Lightning just finished their spring season in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League. The team finished with a tremendous record of 11 wins, one loss, and two ties. They finished in second place in the difficult and competitive Under-13 Girls' First Division. The girls played hard and well throughout the season.

During the second half of the season, they defeated Wilbraham 4-0, with three goals by Amanda Janik and one goal by Katherine Bitzas. They received strong, shut-out goaltending from Meghan Kelly and Sara Skolnick during that game.

The following game of the season, Agawam was defeated 5-1 by the eventual first-place winner, Amherst. The Lightning were forced to play with many injuries, but played hard throughout the game and never stopped trying.

The Lightning rebounded in the next effort by defeating Westfield 2-1 with goals by Amanda Janik and goaltending by Meghan Kelly.

Gateway was the next rival for Agawam, as they were defeated 7-0 on goals by Amanda Janik, Meghan Kelly, Tory Lyons, and Caitlin Foley. Goaltending was provided by Meghan Kelly and Amanda Janik.

The Lightning's next opponent was Brookside, who were defeated 5-1. Goals were scored by Amanda Janik, Sara Skolnick, and Maria Doulakis. The Lightning goaltenders in this game were Meghan Kelly, Allison Siedlik, and Sara Skolnick.

The next-to-last game this season was against rival Cold Springs from Belchertown. Agawam prevailed 5-0 on goals by Amanda Janik, Katherine Bitzas, Tory Lyons, and Meghan Kelly, and received strong goaltending once again from Meghan Kelly, Maria Doulakis, and Sara Skolnick.

The last game of the season was played against AJAC of Chicopee, which ended in a tie game with a score of 3-3. The Lightning delivered goals by Amanda Janik and Sara Skolnick, and received goaltending from Joanne Brignoli.

As a result of their second-place finish, the Lightning played in the post-season Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer Tournament this past weekend at Gateway Regional High School.

In the semi-final game, the Lightning played Westfield. In an exciting contest, the Lightning prevailed 2-1 on goals by Amanda Janik. The team was highlighted by superior goaltending from Meghan Kelly. All the girls again contributed to the success of the team.

The final game was a rematch against Amherst for the championship. In a highly emotional and courageous effort, the Lightning played Amherst to a 0-0 draw through regulation. However, in overtime Amherst scored the lone goal of the game and won the contest. Despite losing the score of the game, the Agawam Lightning won the battle by showing what great attitude, perseverance, and courage the team has.

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MEMBERS OF THE "AGAWAM LIGHTNING": front row — Pavlina (Lina) Moysis, Allison (Sonic) Siedlik, Ashley Velosky, Meghan (Cuz) Kelly, Katherine (Bitz) Bitzas, Joanne (Joannie) Brignoli, and Caitlin (Pebbles) Foley; back row — Coach Dimitir Moysis, Rachel (Rach) Keenan, Maria Doulakis, Tory (Taz) Lyons, Amanda (Mindy) Janik, Ashley (Smitty) Smith, Coach Don Smith, Laura (The Rock) Pedersen, Meghan (Boomer) Ennis, Jennifer (Psycho) Miarecki, Coach Scott Skolnick, and Sara (Moosey) Skolnick.

They Had A Memorable Memorial Day...



THE WESTERN MASS. JUVENTUS (under 11 boys) were runners-up in the prestigious Casagrande Soccer Tournament held during the Memorial Day Weekend. Bottom row (from right to left) — Steve Rosinski, Tyler Haddad, Ricky Babyak, Jared Verelst, Ben Smith, Robby Lubold, Pat Donnelly, and Alfredo Settembre. Top row (from right to left): Asst. Coach Joe Rosinski, Dave Kreps, Ben Reynolds, Nick Pokora, Luke McCaslin, Geoffrey Karas, Brendan Ennis, Jared Roberts, and Head Coach Marc Verelst.

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The team played marvelously throughout the season. All the girls contributed to make the season a wonderful experience. The team suffered through many injuries and illnesses this year. Despite these obstacles, the success of the team was measured not only in their win/loss record, but in the courage, skills, teamwork, and positive attitude displayed. In the game of life, they finished in first place, well above everyone else.

This, unfortunately, marks the last season for two players, Rachel Keenan and Allison Siedlik, who will be attending Agawam High School next year. For the coaches and the Lightning's extended family, it is a bittersweet event to watch these talented players leave the team to take on new ventures. The Lightning will certainly miss their friendship, experience, and talent.

All members of the team deserve credit for the success of the Lightning. Maria Doulakis and Ashley Velosky were newcomers to the team and blended well into the team framework. Meghan Ennis played well at wing. Caitlin Foley, Pavlina Moysis, and Ashley Smith played strong at halfback.

Jen Miarecki, Laura Pedersen, and Tory Lyons led the defensive backfields. Rachel Keenan, Katherine Bitzas, and Allison Siedlik played many positions well. Meghan Kelly and Joanne Brignoli were the primary goaltenders and also excelled on the field.

Sara Skolnick played halfback as well as offense and defense positions, and was a key member for the team's transition between the offense and defense. Amanda Janik was the dominant player in the Division and led the team's offense.

Newcomers to the team this fall will be Angela Stork and Elizabeth Loughman. The team certainly welcomes them and expects them to do well.

The Lightning play hard but clean soccer. They continue to improve their skills and tactical strategy, but most importantly, they enjoy being and playing together.

Agawam Girls In Snicker State Soccer Tournament

On June 19th and 20th at Smith & Wesson in Springfield, the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association hosted the Snicker State Championship Tournament.

This tournament is held for the premier maple soccer league teams throughout the state of Massachusetts. After ending the regular spring maple season, teams in this league compete for the State Cup title.

Winning the title and tournament gives teams the chance to advance to the Regional State Championship Tournament.

Three area girls from Agawam participated in the tournament. Megan Gloster, Amanda Janik, and Bethany Reid are members of the maple team, Western United Soccer Club U-13 Girls. The Western United team had the honor of winning the state cup against their "A" division rivals, the tough and talented South Coast. South Coast hail from the Boston area of the state.

They finished first in the regular season of play with Western United placing second in the "A" division. The teams were tied, 1-1 in regulation play. After two 10-minute overtimes, Western United and South Coast were tied at 2-2. Western United won the game and the title over South Coast with penalty kicks.

The girls and their team will now move on to play in the Regional State Championship Tournament. It will be held this coming weekend, July 2nd-6th, at the University of Rhode Island.

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MEMBERS OF THE "AGAWAM DYNAMOS": Back row — Coach Bill Trexler, Jon Sikes, Dave Bienia, Rob DeGray, Paul Pilegi, Lou LeClair, Sal Santaniello, and Ryan Trexler. Front row — Mike McGeoghan, Jon Penna, Paul Lagasse, James Messier, Marc LeClair, and Al Santaniello.

Agawam Dynamos U14 Capture First Place In Memorial Day Tournament

The Agawam Dynamos U14 PVJSL team spent the Memorial Day weekend playing in the Amherst, New Hampshire Soccer Tournament. The Dynamos played in a tough position with 16 other teams, all competing for a shot at one of four teams who would continue with semifinals on the Monday holiday.

Each group of four would have one team that would play on Monday. The Dynamos proved up to the challenge and in their first game on Saturday against Pittsfield, when they squeaked by their opponent for a 3-2 victory.

It was then back to the hotel for some swimming, golf, and relaxation with their friends. On Sunday, the stifling heat was back again, 95 degrees and humid. The Dynamos had to play their remaining two games.

The morning game turned out to be a 2-0 win against Cheshire and the team had a three-hour respite before the final game. The afternoon game was a must win for the opponent, Hudson, while the Dynamos needed at least a tie to move on to the semi's. Throughout the first half, the Dynamos pressed the opposing goalie, who made spectacular save after save on shots that should have, could have, and would have gone in, in any other game.

Early in the second half, the Dynamos were down 1-0 and play continued with the Dynamos pounding the goal and the goalie making save after save. With less than 10 minutes to go, the referee called a direct free kick for the Dynamos

about yards outside the opponents' goal. Dave Bienia took the kick and drilled a line drive into the upper left-hand corner of the goal, tying the score.

The remainder of the game was played at midfield. The Dynamos had secured the tie, which moved them into the semifinals with a 2-0 record.

Monday morning saw the Dynamos playing the winner of group two in the sweltering heat. They managed to squeak by 2-1 and move on to the final game, along with what turned out to be the Rhode Island boys' state champs from the prior year.

The final game was the most hard fought of the tournament, with both teams vying for the ball and the goal. Rhode Island held the lead, 1-0, and it was looking bleak for the Dynamos with only five minutes left in regulation when an errant clearing pass up the middle was met by center midfielder Paul Pilegi's foot at about the 20-yard line for a line shot into the goal to tie the game.

The teams played scoreless for the remainder of regulation and two five-minute sudden death overtime periods.

Shootouts ensued and our goalie, Lou LeClair, managed to stop three of the shots while the Dynamos scored three, clinching the title in a real barn-burner.

Kudos to the Dynamos, who are now planning a final tournament in Canada before going on to Agawam High School and the freshman team!

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Agawam Lightning Boys' Soccer Team Ends Season At 14-0

The Agawam Lightning boys' soccer team, playing in its first PVJSL U-9 boys' season, finished a very successful campaign with a perfect record of 14 wins and no losses.

The team completely dominated its opponents throughout the season by scoring 74 goals and only allowing two goals against. This young group was very disciplined and performed together on the field. They showed great ball control skills and intensity during every game.

Leading the offense was Bruce Chelkonas with 27 goals, Daniel Goncalves with 14 goals, and Kurt Ripke with seven goals and 25 assists. In addition, the team received great offensive support from Michael Malerba, Adam Gonyeau, Robert Corliss, and Nicholas Dassatti.

Anchoring this dominant defense was the constant strong play from Sean Moriarty and Alex Schwein, along with support from Austin Santolini. Goalkeeper Van Gruska kept the opponents off the board.

Congratulations to the team for a great season. Let's keep up the great teamwork.



MEMBERS OF THE "AGAWAM LIGHTNING" boys' soccer team: standing — Head Coach Amaro Goncalves, Austin Santolini, Danny Goncalves, Kurt Ripke, Nick Dassatti, Rob Corliss, Van Gruska, and Asst. Coach Bob Schwein; kneeling — Bruce Chelkonas, Sean Moriarty, Alex Schwein, Adam Gonyeau, and Mike Malerba. (Missing from photo: Asst. Coach Bob Gonyeau.)

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The Western United U-13 Girls had the opportunity to meet and play some of the teams they will compete against at the regional finals. Over the Memorial Day holiday, the team was invited to play in the Columbia Cup Tournament held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Western United went undefeated to win their age division. Teams they played included the Virginia state champs, the Long Island state champs, and the Connecticut state champs.

Family and friends throughout the area wish Megan, Amanda, Bethany, and their teammates and coaches great success as they advance to the Regional State Cup Championship.

Tigers Complete Season By Reaching Championship Game

The U14 Agawam Tigers completed their first season together as a Pioneer Valley team by reaching the championship game of the Pioneer Valley Girls' Junior Soccer League held at Gateway Regional High School on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th.

The Tigers came away with a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to first-time league champion Westfield, the same team the Tigers had twice defeated and once tied during the spring 1999 campaign. Westfield reached the finals by shocking defending league title-holder Ludlow Cyclones in a sudden death shootout the day before.

Ludlow went on to finish as the runners-up for the second consecutive year in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions. Ludlow lost to Framingham in a sudden death shootout. Ironically, this is the same Framingham side that the Tigers defeated in a sudden death shootout in the semifinals of the Agawam Labor Day Weekend Soccer Classic last September.

Westfield came into the championship game riding great momentum following its stunner over Ludlow the previous day. The Whip City team was also looking for a measure of revenge against the Tigers for defeating them in an intense and emotional semifinal on Memorial Day Weekend up in Nashua, New Hampshire. That game ended in a sudden death shootout as well.

Most agreed the PVJSL championship game between these two arch rivals lacked the passion of their Nashua, NH meeting. The Tigers controlled the opening half and enjoyed the best scoring chances. Agawam midfielders Shannon Cook, Meaghan Brown, Ellen Rannenberg, Aimee Beaudette, and Nicole Gendreau were outplaying their counterparts and allowed the Tigers to maintain the territorial edge, and striker Danielle Cirillo was slicing and dicing her way in and around the Westfield goal.

Wing Kaitlin Sardella had an opportunity five minutes in when she grounded a shot from the right wing just outside the penalty area that the feisty Westfield goalie snared by the left post. Westfield tried several counterattacks, but defenders Sherri Laskowski, Tricia Fitchben, Whitney Brown, Melissa Savenko, and sweeper Kim Hoague allowed a few harmless shots to roll to the sure hands of goalie Vicky Taylor.

The best chance for the locals to score came with 30 seconds left in the half when Kaitlin Sardella's drive from 30 yards out banged off the middle of the crossbar and banked out of bounds.



MEMBERS OF THE U14 AGAWAM TIGERS, Division I playoff runners-up in the Pioneer Valley Girls' Junior Soccer League. Back row, from left - Aimee Beaudette, Ellen Rannenberg, Sherri Laskowski, Kelly Reilly, Victoria Ruhl, Jennifer Sharpe, Melissa Savenko, Shannon Cook, and Coach Ed Brown. Front row - Nicole Gendreau, Kaitlin Sardella, Tricia Fitchben, Meaghan Brown, Vicky Taylor, Whitney Brown, Danielle Cirillo, and Kim Hoague. Missing from photo: Coach Frank Fitchben.

Westfield came out in the second half and reclaimed its turf and began to apply pressure in the Tigers' end as several shots went bounding in to Vicky Taylor on the ground, but with much more authority. With 12 minutes left, Westfield scored on a wild breakaway when the offside's flag went up, but the on-field referee missed the flag and play went on. The large Westfield contingent was up in arms over the no-goal and the scoreless tie continued.

But 90 seconds later, Westfield's player, their center-midfielder, picked up a loose ball on her side of midfield, raced untouched down the middle, entered the Agawam penalty area, let one fly, and only the outstanding wing-span of goalie Vicky Taylor kept the initial blast from going in. However, the rebound wobbled towards the left post and a Westfield forward rushed in and easily powered the ball into the net.

The final seven minutes saw the two teams return to what has become a more than lively rivalry. The Tigers were desperate for the equalizer. Shannon Cook, who played on the front line most of the half, was most unlucky as two close-in shots that flew over the crossbar and another buzzed just past the post. Forward Danielle Cirillo was now creating chaos around the Westfield net and it almost paid off with under two minutes to go when she launched a shot from

the right side, 15 yards out, and it rattled off the inside of the left crossbar and out of harm's way. The Tigers also had the big edge in corner kicks (six to none) and two of Kaitlin Sardella's kicks in those last seconds created mob scenes in front of the Westfield keeper, but to no avail - it was Westfield's day under the early morning sun.

The entire Tigers' roster - Jen Sharpe, Victoria Ruhl, Kelly Reilly, Danielle Cirillo, Kaitlin Sardella, Meaghan Brown, Ellen Rannenberg, Aimee Beaudette, Nicole Gendreau, Whitney Brown, Melissa Savenko, Shannon Cook, Kim Hoague, Sherri Laskowski, Tricia Fitchben, and Vicky Taylor thank Coaches Ed Brown and Fran Fitchben for their time and dedication to the team again this year; to parent Joanne Taylor for all her help in keeping the team's administrative chores in well order; and to the parents for their support.

The five original Tigers, who have been with the team since third grade - Danielle Cirillo, Meaghan Brown, Melissa Savenko, Vicky Taylor, and Kaitlin Sardella - thank the Agawam Soccer Association for giving them the opportunity to represent the town and the ASA for the past six years. Kudos also go to defender Sherri Laskowski for her outstanding improvement since last fall, and to Vicky Taylor for being one of the top (or arguably, the best) goalies in the U14 PVJSL.



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Hot Weather Leads To "Hot" Fishing...

The scorching hot weather has warmed the water in the Oxbow section of the Connecticut River. Largemouth bass action can be spectacular. As a bright sun drives the bass into the dense cover, action can get fast and furious.

Pad field bassing can be an exciting pursuit. There is nothing quite as thrilling as watching a big bass knock an imitation frog or plastic lizard out of the water, and chow down on it when it lands.

Most of the lakes and ponds in the valley harbor a healthy weed growth. During the hottest days of the year, the bass have only two options available. In order to avoid the blinding sunlight and get comfortable, the bass must either go into deep water or seek the shade provided by the weeds.

The elevated water temperature causes the fish's metabolism to increase, thereby creating a need to feed. The majority of the forage species will be hiding in the shadow of the weeds and themselves will be seeking aquatic insects and the like. Those insects and others at the base of the food chain usually are found in the shallows.

Fishing thick vegetation can be a challenge itself, but that is one of the very best locales to locate concentrations of bass depending on weather and light conditions. If the pad field or weed bed is close to deep water, or adjacent to deeper channels, you may have a real winner.

One mistake that some fishermen make is to throw their favorite surface lure, or crawl their favorite soft plastic over the pads to the exclusion of all else. If that tactic does not produce, either the fish are not in an active feeding mood, or the fish just aren't there.

Even after having a couple of "takers" via the

topwater route, don't forget to work the same area with a bottom-hugging plastic worm or lizard, rigged Texas-style. Allow the weedless rigged bait to fall into an opening in the pads, and let the lure settle to the bottom. Try leaving the bait motionless for an eternity or two (15 or 20 seconds).

Rather than hoisting the plastic worm back to the surface and crawling it over another set of pads, try bringing it back to the boat (or shore) along the bottom. This is a situation that calls for strong line with small diameter. We are not as concerned with having to uproot a lily pad when snagged, but are concerned with the ensuing mess a big bass can make as he weaves his way through the pad stems en route to deeper water.

A five-pound bass entangled with a clump of weeds and lily pads, can be a formidable challenge to land!

FISH REPORT FRESHWATER

Connecticut River striped fishermen are reporting that the action has shifted to waters south of Chester. There are still some fish remaining in the area above the Enfield Dam, and many will winter over here due to the strong forage base. The largest number of linesides have begun their trek back to the ocean, following the herring downstream.

Carp fishermen are taking some really big fish along the outer weed edges in the river, corn, and branberry dough bait taking the greatest numbers. Valley lakes and ponds are warming quickly in the broiling heat of this past week.

Kurt at Saunders Marina in Southwick reports that Congamond is boasting surface temperatures in the mid to high 70's; go deep for trout and salmon. Bass are seeking deep water sanctuary or are buried in the heavy weeded cover.

SALTWATER

Cape Cod and the Islands are producing both stripers and bluefish. Surf fishermen are finding more stripers than blues. Fluke catches in Cape Cod Bay are increasing. Try 40- to 60-foot depths.

Point Judith, east to Long Island Sound, reports that stripers are everywhere. Both boat fishermen and surf fishermen are finding action almost everywhere that stripers traditionally congregate. Five- to seven-inch swimming plugs, as well as drifted eels, bunker, and herring are accounting for most of the success.

Offshore action has picked up with some large shark catches being rumored.

Openings For Tennis & Swimming Lessons

There are still openings for the summer swimming and tennis lessons. Lessons are offered in two-week sessions and began on June 28th.

Swimming lessons are offered at the Perry Lane pool between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for \$15. Tennis lessons are offered at the High School tennis courts between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for \$20.

For information on availability, please call the Recreation Office at 821-0514 or stop by at 760 Cooper Street, Agawam to register.

Local Sponsors To "Chip In" For Open Pantry's Golf Benefit

Wayne McCary of the Eastern States Exposition has renewed sponsorship of the 1999 West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry Golf Benefit.

The Open Pantry services West Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick. The Pantry is an advocate for those in need. They provide food not only to those who come to the Pantry's door, but also provide meals to shut-ins in the four aforementioned towns. Their advocate programs reach out to those in need, such as those with social and drug problems.

WMAS AM/FM and Channel 22-TV are corporate sponsors. They have joined in to help promote the seventh annual golf benefit. This is the fifth year that WMAS has been a corporate sponsor. Susan Murray, the General Manager of WMAS, feels that this is a worthwhile event and is happy to support it.

William Peppin, General Manager of Channel 22, took the bull by the horns when they were asked for their help for the golf benefit. They became corporate sponsors this year and will have a team from Channel 22 participating in the golf benefit, as well as TV spots for the event.

The West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry needs the help of local participants in the golf benefit. Paul Skowera, the chairman of the event, invites all in the community to "chip in" and get involved.

The golf event will take place at Shaker Farms Country Club on Wednesday, August 18th. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:00 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m.

Five-person teams will enjoy golf, refreshments, a "happy cart," lunch, and dinner. Prizes to be drawn (such as dinners, hot air balloon rides, golf clubs, and much more) will also be a part of the program.

For further information, contact Cassie or Candy at the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry, 734-7969, or call Paul Skowera at 739-1695.

The local sponsors read like a "Who's Who" from the local area. They include our "gold sponsors": Agawam Junior Women's Club, Bertera Chrysler-Plymouth, Curry Copy Center, J.J. Dow Ins., Spalding Sullivan Paper, Vacation Resorts Inc., West Springfield Lions Club, West Springfield Parish Association, and Westfield Savings Bank.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053. Thank you...



Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
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Additional Results From Turners' End- Of-Season Meet

During the Springfield Turner Gymnastics team's final meet of the season, **Stephanie Obue** — who performed for the team in the Girls' 9-11 Upper division — achieved the following results: 11th in Standing Broad Jump, 5th in Running Long Jump, 3rd in 75 Yd. Dash, Softball Throw, Uneven Bars, All-Around, 2nd on Beam, Floor, Vault, Shot Put, Septathlon.

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Bobby's	8	8	2
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Joey's Pub	7	12	0
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Golfing For The March Of Dimes...



IN EARLY MAY, the March of Dimes of Western Massachusetts held a golf tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. Pictured above are the members of the tournament committee (from left to right): Tony Reopel, Gene Reopel, Hollis Wheeler, Kim Mathews, and Jim Chadwell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Town of Agawam CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET ADOPTED JUNE 21, 1999

DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$63,400	\$15,500	\$350	\$0	\$79,250
Mayor	\$208,614	\$110,875	\$0	\$0	\$319,489
Law Department	\$41,500	\$64,500	\$0	\$0	\$106,000
Auditor	\$103,456	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$104,306
Clerk/Elections	\$156,826	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$157,926
Assessor	\$142,989	\$72,191	\$0	\$0	\$215,180
Data Processing	\$117,712	\$575	\$0	\$0	\$118,287
Treasurer/Collector	\$208,735	\$21,080	\$0	\$4,600	\$234,415
Police Department	\$2,805,127	\$43,600	\$12,560	\$95,536	\$2,956,823
Fire Department	\$2,418,146	\$70,176	\$30,500	\$92,300	\$2,611,122
Inspection Services	\$194,552	\$800	\$705	\$0	\$196,057
Health Department	\$304,440	\$4,347	\$2,600	\$0	\$311,387
Community Development	\$96,943	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$97,793
Library	\$494,218	\$42,226	\$124,000	\$8,671	\$669,115
Parks & Recreation	\$110,103	\$10,125	\$2,400	\$20,000	\$142,628
Council on Aging	\$224,885	\$58,050	\$3,000	\$0	\$285,935
DPW Administration	\$68,446	\$250	\$50	\$0	\$68,746
Highway & Grounds	\$843,646	\$224,895	\$276,350	\$92,500	\$1,437,391
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$137,277	\$29,410	\$189,930	\$3,080	\$359,697
Engineering	\$145,299	\$5,910	\$3,200	\$0	\$154,409
Building Maintenance	\$1,452,231	\$851,675	\$101,800	\$14,950	\$2,420,656
Agawam Public Schools					\$23,032,030
Line Items					\$9,140,781
TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$45,219,423
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					\$1,000,000
SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					
Wastewater	\$374,669	\$1,761,670	\$34,425	\$31,778	\$2,202,542
Water	\$558,218	\$1,219,502	\$182,510	\$37,551	\$1,997,781
Golf Course	\$284,338	\$277,335	\$201,277	\$20,000	\$782,950
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TOTAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS					\$51,202,696

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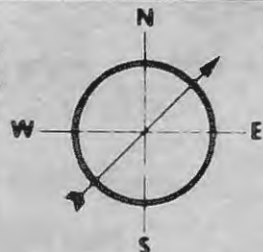
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DAYCARE: I am a professional family day-care provider licensed (186383) by the Massachusetts Office for Children. I'm located off River Road in Agawam. For more information, call Maggie at Pooh's Corner, 786-8806.

WANTED

BUSINESS FOR SALE: Vending business — M&M Mars. 50 locations. \$800-\$1,200 solid monthly income. Cost \$2,995. www.vendingroutes.com or 1-800-963-6123.

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LIBRARY, PART-TIME REFERENCE: 18 hours per week: evenings and weekends only. Provides reference service to juvenile and adult patrons and supports the cataloguing and circulation functions of the Library. BA/BS required, MLS or MS/MA preferred with previous experience. Knowledge of local history or genealogy a plus. \$10.00 per hour. Position open until filled. Resumes to: Southwick Public Library, POB 319, Southwick, MA 01077. No phone calls. The Town of Southwick is an ADA/EOE employer

FOR RENT

AVAILABLE FOR LEASE: Ideal location for bank, restaurant, office, retail store, etc. Located in center of Agawam. Offered by Mr. Shore, P.O. Box, Agawam, MA 01001. (413) 786-0686.

FOR RENT: Feeding Hills large six (6) room apartment on first floor w/two (2) baths. Heat and hot water included. No pets. Call 786-5579 and leave message.

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PETS

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LOST BIRD: Grey cockatiel. If found, please call Janet or Malena at 789-4852. (If no answer, please leave a message.)

LOST: "Buster" — Golden retriever/beagle mix dog. Color: golden. Weight: 70 lbs. Age: 11 years. Call Frank or Jessica, 789-1911, or Lois, 786-3868.

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FOR SALE: Roll-top desk (Sauder). Brand new, asking \$110. Please call Jean, 789-3232. (Also looking for a bunk bed.)

PERSONAL

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day, wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power. **ENOCH**

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